

# Meet Melodie Tolbert



Hello, my name is Melodie Tolbert. I am Single with no children. Although I have not birthed any children I feel I have helped raise many. Let me explain. I am the oldest of seven children and at the age of 20 my mother died. Before her death she asked me to promise to keep her family together. This is a promise I intended to keep by the grace of God. Later my Father remarried, our family grew and two more siblings were added. My siblings are all grown and have made their life choices. Now it is time for me to pursue my dreams.

Two members of my church, Labor of Love Ministries have recently participated in the Habitat for Humanity program. One of them, Shelia Y. Darden, encouraged me to apply. Although it has always been a dream to own my own home, I was scared and full of excuses. One thing I am learning is that you cannot let fear control your life. So, I applied and was accepted into this wonderful program. *"The best feeling in the world is finally knowing you took a step in the right direction. A step towards the future where everything that you never thought was possible is possible"* (Author Unknown). The Bible says in Philippians 4:13 (NIV) - *"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."* So, even though I am scared I am deliberately taking steps toward my dream of becoming a HOME OWNER. *"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work"* (Colin Powell). Let me take this opportunity to thank Habitat for Humanity, my sponsors, family, friends and volunteers for helping make this dream become a reality.

Melodie's new home will be  
1410 Blossom, Ypsilanti



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