

Meet Cortessia

2026 Interfaith Build Future Homeowner



Cortessia Stepter is a dedicated single mother of four children, three daughters and one son, who is committed to creating a stable and loving home for her family. Through her determination, perseverance, and strong work ethic, she continues to build a brighter future for her children.

Cortessia's Habitat journey is a true example of resilience and determination. In 2017, she applied for the Habitat for Humanity program but was not approved at that time because her income was below the program requirements. Despite that setback, she never gave up on her dream of homeownership. Years later, Cortessia has returned to the program stronger and ready for this opportunity. Today, she is preparing to begin construction on her Habitat home, turning a long-held dream into reality.

Family is at the center of Cortessia's life.

She loves spending quality time with her children, especially cooking together and creating memories as a family. Watching her children grow and pursue their dreams is one of her greatest joys.



Kedrick, born on November 5, 2006, is preparing to begin his college journey and plans to study Civil Engineering. He enjoys welding and is passionate about learning skills that will help him build a successful future.



Whitney, born on August 22, 2009, is creative and caring. She enjoys doing hair, playing basketball, and hopes to one day become a paramedic so she can help others.



Gianna Harris, born on October 25, 2022, brings joy and energy to the family. She loves swimming, reading books, riding her bike, and visiting the zoo.



every faith can be put into action

Cortessia is passionate about serving others and enjoys volunteering in her community. Even after completing her required Habitat for Humanity volunteer hours each month, *she continues to volunteer because she genuinely enjoys giving back and helping others.*

One of Cortessia's favorite parts of the Habitat for Humanity program has been building relationships with her fellow partners.

She has appreciated the encouragement, friendships, and support they have shared throughout the journey. The sense of community and knowing they are all working toward the same goal has made the experience especially meaningful to her.



Cortessia has also enjoyed participating in the financial literacy classes offered through the program. She has gained valuable knowledge and skills that have helped her better manage her finances and prepare for the future. She especially appreciates learning how to budget, save, and make financial decisions that will benefit her children and her family.

For Cortessia, homeownership represents more than having a house, it is the opportunity to provide her children with stability, security, and a place where they can grow, thrive, and create lasting memories. After years of patience and perseverance, she is grateful for the opportunity to partner with Habitat for Humanity and excited to begin this new chapter in her family's life.