

The Smith Family



Alfrieda Smith lived in Woodstock, Georgia with her immediate family for most of her life. Approximately ten years ago, she moved to Marietta, Georgia with her family.

In July of 2016, Ms. Smith lost her daughter in a tragic car accident, leaving behind two young boys, one of which sustained a broken leg in the accident. Needless to say, it was a terrible time for the family. Alfrieda quickly stepped in to fill the gap and take care of her two grandchildren.

She applied for permanent guardianship of the young boys and won, Jaiden (5) and Justice (4). Jaiden was born with Hydrocephalus, is legally blind, and has a severe seizure disorder which presents many challenges for all involved. Justice, his younger brother has proven to be a real trooper. He is a great help to his grandmother and loves his older brother very much.

The family currently rents a basement apartment. Though this is sufficient shelter, the space lacks proper ventilation and natural light which has caused mold issues, creating substandard living conditions for the family of three. The apartment is not wheelchair accessible for Jaiden and generally makes even getting in and out a challenge. Owning a Habitat home will not only provide accessible options for Jaiden, but also allow the family to literally breathe clean fresh air in a house they call their own.

Presently, Alfrieda drives a school bus for the City of Marietta. Her days start early and are very long. At times the journey is difficult, but Alfrieda is committed to raising the her grandsons. Her deep faith guides her daily, and she is confident her dedication led her to Habitat for Humanity- NCG.