



Bryan/College Station  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

## Meet the Vasquez Family

Marisa Vasquez has lived in Bryan for ten years and works at Sanderson Farms. A single mother of three, Jose (7), Yahir (5) and Ricardo (2), she wants a better future for herself and her children. Jose is in second grade and Yahir goes to kindergarten.

The family currently lives in a two bedroom trailer house that is falling apart, very hot and overcrowded. Marissa learned about Habitat from a friend who is a Habitat homeowner and knows that a better home will make her children very happy.

But earning a Habitat home takes a lot of work and time. Each family must complete 500 sweat equity hours, hours helping others build homes and helping in the ReStore and Habitat office. For a working mother of three, that's no easy task. And without family in Bryan, Marissa is doing her sweat equity hours all on her own. The children go to a babysitter while Marissa is at work. Then after work, Marissa often heads to the Habitat ReStore to complete more sweat equity hours. On Saturdays she regularly works on the construction site, helping other families build their homes. Her quiet demeanor can belie her drive and determination, but her strong work ethic quickly becomes apparent in the way she works at the ReStore and construction site.

Despite all the hard work, Marissa is grateful to be able to get her own home. She wants her sponsors to know that she is very appreciative of all they have done for her and her family in making a decent home a reality. Their support – and her hard work – are going to pay off in a better life for her young family.



**Family:** *Marissa and her three children: Jose (7), Ricardo (2), and Yahir (5).*

**Sweat Equity:** *Over 200 hours so far. Each family must complete 500 hours to earn their home.*

**Workshop Classes:** All Habitat families attend 12 homeownership classes on subjects like budgeting, fire safety, home maintenance, first aid, nutrition and more.

## B/CS Habitat for Humanity Mission

***Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.***

B/CS Habitat for Humanity is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. Formed in 1989, B/CS Habitat is dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and making the right to simple, decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Habitat for Humanity partners with low-income families and gives them the opportunity to work side by side with local volunteers in the construction of their homes. Once the homes are complete, families buy them at cost through zero-interest, twenty- to thirty-year mortgages.

B/CS Habitat has partnered with more than 230 families, impacting over 1,000 people in the past 24 years.

On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for helping them build a house, a home and a better future.