

Turning a Habitat Home into a Home of Their Own



THE TIRADO FAMILY

In August 2022, Alicia Tirado and her daughter, Dalilah (12), became homeowners through Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven. Their family joined the ranks of 150 others in New Haven County who found homes through Habitat’s homeownership program. Recently, we had the opportunity to speak with Alicia and Dalilah about their path to homeownership and the profound significance it holds for them. In Alicia’s own words, here is their story.

I finally have the perfect place to call my own! We moved into our home in August 2022, and I couldn’t be happier. As a homeowner, I have been blessed with the opportunity to create a warm and loving environment for my little family. My daughter, Dalilah, is the light of my life and brings so much joy and laughter into our home. In addition to Dalilah, our home is shared with two adorable kitty cats, Buddy and Lilo, who have quickly adapted to their new surroundings and claimed various spots around the house as their own.

Moving into our new home has been an exciting and transformative experience. It has allowed us to express our style and create a space that reflects our unique personalities. We have been fortunate enough to have wonderful neighbors who have welcomed us with open arms, making us feel like we truly belong in this community. One of the highlights of this summer was hosting barbecues with our extended family. It has been a joy to gather, share delicious food, and create cherished memories.

Watching Dalilah in the backyard play on her slip & slide and seeing her invite friends over for the first time are memories I’ll never forget. Seeing the smiles on everyone’s faces as we enjoy each other’s company fills my heart with immense happiness. We also had our first Christmas in our new home!



Owning a home has brought a sense of stability and security to our lives. We have consistent heat in the winter now and the house is ours forever. We won’t have to keep moving as rents go up. It is a place where we can grow, learn, and create lasting memories. We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to the adventures ahead. Thanks again to Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven, all the volunteers, and everyone who donated to build the house. You all have been an important part of our lives. Dalilah is growing up quickly, and having a place to call our own has allowed us to create lasting memories together.

There are many hard-working families that qualify for Habitat’s program in our community. We need your help to serve them. Please help us by donating today.



Top: Alicia Tirado posing for a selfie with her cat, Buddy. Left: Alicia Tirado’s completed home at 139 Weybosset Street. Right: Alicia Tirado, her daughter, Dalilah, and their cat, Buddy, on the front steps of their new home.

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...one house, one family at a time

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We Need Your Help!



The dream of homeownership in New Haven, CT, has become increasingly elusive due to the rising costs associated with it. The homeownership rate in New Haven is 28%, compared to the state homeownership rate of 64.8%. There has been a 6% increase in rental costs this last year making the average rent for a 2-bedroom unit around \$2,900. Escalating property prices, a competitive real estate market, and high rental costs have made it challenging for many families to secure a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. The surging costs of construction materials exacerbates the situation. Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven is working tirelessly to make homeownership a reality for deserving families. By donating to Habitat, you will contribute to building affordable, sustainable homes, and providing hope and stability to those in need in your community. Your support can truly make a difference in the lives of local residents striving for a place to call home.



Volunteer



Have you always wanted to volunteer with Habitat? Now is the time! We offer volunteer opportunities on our build sites alongside Habitat homebuyers and our staff. No construction experience is needed and we supply all necessary tools, equipment, and instruction. We also have opportunities available at our ReStore where volunteers help to sort, clean, and organize donations, create displays, greet customers, and help with the store's day-to-day operations. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age to help on the build sites and at least high school age to volunteer at the ReStore. Visit habitatgnh.org to sign up or contact Allison at amangles@habitatgnh.org or (203) 785-0794 for more information.



Cars for Homes

Donating your car, truck, RV, boat, motorcycle, or any other vehicle through the Cars for Homes program helps us to build homes here in the New Haven community. Vehicles do not need to be in running condition to be eligible for donation. Call (877) 277-4344 or visit habitat.org/support/donate-your-car to provide your vehicle's information and schedule a pickup. Following your donation, you will receive a tax receipt. Your contribution makes a significant impact in supporting our mission.



Shop our ReStore

The ReStore offers a wide selection of new and gently used household items, including furniture, appliances, lighting, cabinets, vanities, and more.

Not only does the ReStore promote an eco-friendly and socially responsible approach to reducing waste but the funds generated from ReStore sales are channeled into supporting Habitat's homebuilding program.

To donate, please text photos of your items to (203) 800-5517 or email restore@habitatgnh.org to schedule a free pickup. We pick up in New Haven County, Clinton, and Killingworth. To shop, visit 286 South Colony Road, Wallingford, CT 06492.



Join the Carpenters Club

We invite you to consider becoming a member of the Carpenters Club by pledging \$25 or more toward each house we construct, which typically amounts to 4-6 homes annually.

We encourage you to attend our kickoff and dedication ceremonies where you will meet the families who will become homeowners through Habitat and see a completed home.

Joining the Carpenters Club is a chance to contribute tangibly to our community's betterment. For details on how to become a member and the benefits of joining, please reach out to Sierrah Purvis, our Development Manager, at (203) 785-0794 or via email at spurvis@habitatgnh.org. Your support is important.

