



## Kevin, Martina & King Hall

Alvin and Felicia Lewis are married with 4 children. They are both Dayton natives and remember being introduced by mutual friends. The couple dated for 3 years before marriage. They have been married for 8 years. After marriage they remember living in various apartments and homes that were not maintained very well by the landlords. They tried living with family members but soon found it to be a strain on the relationship. They have lived for the last 2 years in a rental home but are once again having problems with maintenance. Recently they found out the home has a tax lien. They saw this as another setback that could cause them to become homeless. They heard about Habitat for Humanity many years ago but weren't sure how to get involved or apply. One day they called the Habitat office and spoke with the Family Services Director and were told to come in and pick up an application then bring it back with their information for the orientation later that day. Alvin and Felicia saw this as their opportunity and swiftly followed all instructions. They were soon accepted into the program without any problems.

Felicia was a bus driver for the Dayton School Board. She later joined the City of Dayton RTA driving a Project Mobility van. She graduated from that position to a regular RTA bus operator in December 2015. Felicia says besides the long hours she really loves driving and meeting so many interesting people. She is an inactive member of AARC (American Association of Respiratory Care). Alvin, also a driver, works for Premier Health Partners for the last 4 years delivering linen to the health facilities. The couple has 4 children. The older children attend school through ECOT (Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow). Martayja, 17, is the only girl and likes math, basketball, reading and writing poetry. Travis, 15, likes math, basketball and playing video games. Kamron, 9, attends Horizon Academy and likes soccer, basketball, football, baseball, science, drawing Sonic and other super heroes, and is very proud of his rock collection. Keinon, 7, also attends Horizon Academy, likes running, math, and is curious about gymnastics. Both Keinon and his brother Kamron are on the honor roll.

Felicia and Alvin believe the Habitat homeownership program will give their family the opportunity for stability and secure a future for their children. They are delighted to finally have the children in a suitable school district, and a secure neighborhood. The money skills classes helped tremendously with budgeting and saving skills. They are particularly thankful for the nutrition classes which gives them guidance towards better eating habits, says Alvin. "We tried other programs but no one would give us a chance," said Felicia. The Lewis family is thankful to the Habitat homeownership program for giving them the chance they so rightly deserve.