

Tyler woman pays off Habitat home

Tears streamed down Carolyn Horn's face today as she paid off her mortgage on her Habitat home.

In 2000, Horn qualified for the new homeowner program from Habitat for Humanity of Smith County.

Horn became a Habitat homeowner in 2000 after completing 350 sweat equity hours in the construction of her Tyler home. She says it was important to her to give stability to her children.

"I wanted to leave a legacy for my children," said Horn. "I looked into the Habitat program as I didn't want my family to grow up in a rental house. I wanted to have something that was mine. I sacrificed a lot to pay off this house, working two jobs as a single mother, not being able to attend every school event for my kids."

The journey to own her home wasn't easy. Carolyn had four children but lost one at age four. Another child has special needs. "There were a lot of struggles where I had to find motivation to keep going."

Today she's proud of her children and her five grandchildren and says everything she went through was all worth it.

"I realized that anything is possible if you trust God and believe in him."

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