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Elvira is a 37-year-old single mother of four children. After many years of trying to provide a stable home for her children, she feels tremendous relief to have been chosen by Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity to purchase a home! Now that she will be able to offer her children a home of their own, she is reflecting on how hard it has been on them, with frequent moves preventing them from establishing long term relationships and from feeling secure.

Along with the help of dedicated volunteers and donors like you, Habitat's construction crew began building Elvira's family home last month! Elvira has been working hard, alongside the construction team, fulfilling her sweat equity hours by contributing her efforts to help finish the last home on Mesa del Rio, and is looking forward to getting to work on her home on Clifton.

She is feeling more and more connected to her family's future security and the community that makes it all possible!

Elvira and her children currently live in an apartment in a public housing complex, with her two daughters sharing a bedroom and her son sleeping in the living room.



*Elvira and her family*

Elvira pays more than 30% of her monthly income in rent and works full-time for a company that provides food for schools and daycares.

**I am asking you to make an impactful investment in Elvira's future, and the future of many other low-income families.** Because of your investment, they will leave public assistance behind, become financially secure, build home equity, and help their children escape poverty.

Elvira can now taste the reality that awaits her and her family with the completion of her Habitat home. Their new home will make a huge difference for the Saenz family, both financially and personally. Their new home will have sufficient space for the whole family, coupled with the security of an affordable, permanent place to call home. Their Habitat home will allow her children to forge stable and long-lasting relationships, and to thrive and grow while building equity and financial stability.



**I respectfully ask you to consider making a financial contribution to Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity today.** When you donate on or before December 31st, one hundred percent of your donation will go toward the construction of new, affordable homes for individuals like Elvira.

**Please donate at the highest level you can.** Stand with Elvira and 100+ low-income families living in a home constructed by Habitat. Thank you for immediately returning the envelope enclosed in the mailing you may have received or donating at [habitatbq.org](http://habitatbq.org) today. May you, your families, and our friends around the world find comfort in a home filled with warmth and holiday joy.

With great appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Champlin".

Doug Champlin, Executive Director

P.S. State tax credits are available for gifts of \$1,000+. For more information, to donate stock, or to learn about the benefits of including Habitat in your estate plan or will, call 505-228-1943.

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