



Georgia Foster and her two children in August 2018.

The Foster Family

Meet Lawrence Habitat's 101st homeowner, Georgia Foster, and her two children, Leanna and Aria. Georgia is a single mother and works as a custodian at the University of Kansas, but would like to go back to school soon to become a nurse to better support her children.

Georgia has experienced a number of family challenges and has overcome numerous hurdles in her life. "When I was 10 years old, my dad died by suicide," she says. "It changed our lives forever. At the same time, my mom had breast cancer...and my brother and I struggled a lot in school." She had her first daughter, Leanna, when she was 17 years old, and completed her GED while working at a local restaurant to save up for her first apartment. Her second daughter, Aria, was born in May of 2018 with a rare genetic condition called galactosemia. "I nearly lost her when she was just a few weeks old, but she is doing better now," Georgia says, "and my girls are my life."

Georgia says that homeownership has been nothing but a dream most of her life. "I never thought it would happen for me and my daughters," she says. "I cannot describe how proud I am to be selected by Lawrence Habitat. I like to imagine my girls enjoying their own rooms, playing outside, and being proud to let friends come over."

Lawrence has always been Georgia's home, and she loves the idea of raising her girls here. "My support system is here," she says, continuing, "I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to be selected, and I will take great pride in owning and taking care of my home!"

The Foster family home will be Lawrence Habitat's 101st home, and is named "The Lisa King Memorial Building On Faith House." It is part of our Beyond 100 Homes campaign, with construction beginning in 2019.