

Homeowner Profile

Parent: Laura

Children: Sons: Juan (WAN) (2006) and Kevin (2009)

Daughters: Eileen (1991) and Sanari (SAN ARE EE) (2021)



Laura is a dedicated and hardworking single mom to four wonderful children: her sons Juan and Kevin, her daughter Sanari, and her foster daughter Eileen. Family means everything to Laura. She has created a loving, supportive home where each of her children feels safe, seen, and cared for.

Originally from Colombia, Laura came to Canada in 2009 with her eldest son Juan, her mother, two sisters, and a baby on the way. Her mom and youngest sister now live in Winnipeg. Her other sister has settled in Vancouver. Over the years, Laura has built a strong support network that includes her family and the close-knit Colombian community in Winnipeg.

A very special part of Laura's family is her foster daughter, Eileen. Eileen is an Indigenous vulnerable adult who came into Laura's life through Life's Journey, a non-profit that supports individuals with neurodiversities. Eileen has lived with Laura for seven years. She lovingly calls Laura "Mom" and is deeply cherished by Laura and her entire family. As Laura's employer shared, "Unlike a regular job, Laura, as a foster care provider, supports the participant 24 hours a day. The fact that this young woman has been with Laura for this long speaks volumes about Laura's commitment and reliability."

Alongside being a full-time caregiver, Laura is passionate about cooking. She runs a Colombian food truck and dreams of opening her own restaurant someday. She also takes on extra jobs, including office cleaning, to help make ends meet and support her family.

The family currently lives in a home that is set to be demolished. Because of the high cost of rent, especially for a household of their size, saving for a traditional down payment has been out of reach. That is what brought Laura to Habitat for Humanity. She applied with the goal of giving her children a safe, permanent place to grow and thrive. Despite her demanding schedule, Laura has worked tirelessly to complete her volunteer hours while juggling work and family responsibilities.

For Laura, owning a home through Habitat is more than just a dream. It is a foundation for lasting security and stability for the people she loves most.