

## **They Had a Dream - DuPage Habitat Announces New Partner Family**

DuPage Habitat for Humanity announced Monday the selection of a new partner family, the first for 2007. Jamal and Morgan Weems of Carol Stream, Illinois received a call informing them of their selection to occupy and own a Habitat home in West Chicago, Illinois. Excitement, joy and gratitude were the overwhelming reactions of both Jamal and Morgan as they realized their dream of home ownership was coming true.

“God is good”, exclaimed Morgan as she heard the news of her family being selected. “I encourage all families to never give up the faith and attend the Habitat application sessions, because you never know – you could be the next Habitat partner family”.

It was fitting that on the day we celebrate Martin Luther King’s life of dreaming large dreams for all Americans, the Weems family dream of owning their own home would now become real. Jamal and Morgan attended a DuPage Habitat Application Session in September, 2006, and progressed through the family selection process which culminated in their approval by the DuPage Habitat board in January, 2007.

DuPage Habitat for Humanity® is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International®, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. DuPage Habitat for Humanity® serves DuPage County, Illinois and works in partnership with people in need to build modest and affordable housing. The houses are sold to partner families at no profit and with no interest.

DuPage Habitat also announced an upcoming Application Session to be held April 14, 2007, 10:00 a.m., at St. Isidore Church, 431 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale, Illinois. To receive more information, please contact the DuPage Habitat office at 630-510-3737 or visit their website at [www.dupagehabitat.org](http://www.dupagehabitat.org).

Attending a Habitat Application Session is the first step for families who want to realize their dream of home ownership. Requirements for home ownership include an expressed need, the ability to pay for an affordable no-interest loan, willingness to partner with DuPage Habitat by contributing “sweat equity” time with the affiliate, as well as being a resident of DuPage County for at least one year.

For the Weems Family, this year’s celebration of Martin Luther King’s Day will be marked by the realization of their lifelong dream. If you are interested in donating your time or resources to make more dreams come true for low-income families in DuPage County, please visit [www.dupagehabitat.org](http://www.dupagehabitat.org).