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Candidate Spotlight:

Chelsia H.



My name is Chelsia Hightower, I am mother of three children we live Columbia all of my children life. My son had to wait 11 years before he had two little sisters. We enjoy going to Church together and afterwards going to our favorite restaurants to eat. Often times I take my girls Chelsia 5 and Delena 3 to the park. My son Dameion 17 we enjoy shopping and going to the movies together for our quality time.

How has your experience been with Central SC Habitat for Humanity?

My experience with Central SC Habitat for Humanity has been astonishing as I first enter the program I was nervous that I wouldn't know how to fit in because I never volunteered anywhere, or built on a home.

What educational class did you enjoy the most?

The educational classes I enjoyed the most were our home repairs and financial exercises workshops in just a few hours I learned DIY projects that would keep value to my home also save me money. We all like to save money.

How was sweat equity for you and what did you enjoy the most?

Sweat Equity to me is proving your worth to this community of big hearts that want to see me win. They genuinely want me to succeed as a homeowner. Educating, making me put in physical work, staying in contact with me. And being concerned with my well-being is what I enjoy the most.

How will owning a home change you and your family's lives?

Owning a home will change our lives for the better. As for me it will boost my self-esteem make me prouder as a single mother. More accomplished that now I can leave my children with a home. My children I'm hoping it will give them a sense of ownership and independence. Mostly Freedom.

Can you describe a memorable moment you've had during this experience?

My most memorable moment was on my first build site. I was nervous but the team gave me reassurance that I can do anything. So, we were working on a rehab as I was moving old pieces of wood I seen a spider scared me I dropped the wood and twisted my ankle. That didn't stop me not one bit but it made me more aware and everyone had sympathy for me.

What is one thing you are looking forward to most about becoming a homeowner?

The one thing I'm looking forward to the most as a new homeowner is my freedom. My ability to make decisions for my home as I please. Being my own landlord.

You are moving from Columbia to Cayce, what are some things you are excited or nervous about for this change?

Moving from Columbia to Cayce will be a challenge for me because I'm unfamiliar with that area but in the same hand I'm excited because change is always good. As I check out the neighborhood the neighborhood seems to be traditional friendly environment being from the south we are big on southern hospitality and I feel we could blend in very well in our new community.

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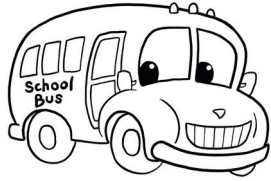
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Money Saving Tips For the School Year



1. Do a Supply Sweep

You might already have plenty of school supplies lying around your house. Start by rounding up all of the office and school supplies you already own so you can make a list of what you have and prevent you from buying something you already own.

2. Plan a Supply Swap

Coordinate with your friends and neighbors and host a “supply swap” before you head out shopping.

3. Shop at Garage Sales & Thrift Stores

Garage sales can be a treasure trove of deals for back-to-school supplies. You can find backpacks, gently used shoes, clothing, and even school supplies there for a song.

4. Shop on a Sales Tax Holiday

Many states have sales tax holidays when shoppers can buy items without paying sales tax. For South Carolina the holiday is the **first weekend of August**, and includes clothing, school supplies, and computers.

5. Compare Prices

The website **camelcamelcamel** tracks the price range history for every product sold on Amazon, including historic highs and lows. You can sign up for price change alerts for specific products so you know every time their prices change.

There are also plenty of apps to help you save money by comparing prices across different retailers. One is **ShopSavvy**, which is available for iOS and Android devices.

6. Hold Off on New Clothing

While retailers do put clothing on sale for back to school, Consumer Reports states that this isn't the best time to buy a new wardrobe for your kids. Prices typically go down in September after the big clothes-buying rush is over.

A better strategy is to buy one new outfit for your kids to wear on the first day and then do most of your shopping when prices drop further in September or October.



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Fall Energy Saving Tips



Take advantage of heat from the sun and open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.



Adjust the temperature when you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable.



Cover drafty windows by install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.



When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills!



Lower your water heating costs by turning down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.



Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.

Friendly Reminders

Pets:

- If you leave your dog in the yard while you are not home make sure your dog has each essential: **shelter** (from either hot OR cold OR rain, etc) and **water** (in a container that cannot be knocked over).
- When walking your dog be sure to leash it.



Cold Weather:

- With the upcoming colder months don't forget to continue to manage household garbage, recyclables, yard waste, bulk items, and where to take certain items for disposal or recycling.

Parking:

- No part of your vehicle may be parked in a Tree Zone.
- You must clear a driveway by 5 feet on either side of the driveway.
- No part of your vehicle may be parked on a sidewalk.
- You must clear a fire hydrant by 15 feet on either side of the fire hydrant.

Send your yard of the quarter nominations with a pic and small bio to be featured next newsletter.

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YARD OF THE QUARTER

Elizabeth Covington!
Neighborhood: Rockgate



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