

Meet Ms. Rose



Ready To Be Settled

Ms. Rose had lost both her parents by the time she was in the sixth grade. She and her sister were raised by a cousin and her husband. Even though her childhood was filled with challenging times, they still found time to have fun playing jacks, hopscotch, and roller skating.

At the young age of 16, Ms. Rose was married and welcomed a daughter. By the time she was 20 her marriage had ended, but she was determined to make a great life for her and her daughter. She began taking classes at West Kentucky Vocational Tech to become a Ward Clerk. After completing the training, she found that there was a problem. There were only two hospitals in Paducah, Kentucky, and one was on strike, and the other was not hiring. She felt as though she had worked too hard in school not to be able to use her skills.

Nashville was the next closest location that had jobs in her field. So, in 1992, Ms. Rose and her daughter made the brave move to find employment. Relocating was a difficult decision since they had lived in the same house for more than 25 years, but the neighborhood that she once loved had started to become overcrowded and unsafe. She knew in her heart; it was time for a change.

In 2019, Ms. Rose was hired by the VA hospital in Murfreesboro. "I simply called, told them what I could do, and they offered me the job," she said smiling. "I was excited to move to a new town and start a new job."

Over time, the apartment where Ms. Rose lives began having issues with the plumbing. She looked for houses but quickly gave up when she realized everything available was too expensive. Her daughter told her about the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity Homeownership program and encouraged her mom to apply. Ms. Rose came to the office and submitted her application right away. When Ms. Rose found out that she was accepted into the RCHFH program, she was extremely happy. She immediately called her daughter and her cousin!

She is excited for this next chapter in her life and is looking forward to making new friends, living at Legacy Pointe, and getting things settled in her new home.

Ms. Rose would like to thank the sponsors, volunteers, and RCHFH team for blessing her with this opportunity.