

## **Knight Family Fulfills Dream of Homeownership**

The holiday season brought many people joy, jubilation, and presents, but it brought much more to Darrel and Myra Knight. This holiday season brought them their first Christmas in their new home.

Earlier in 2005, everything was not going the Knight's way. Both of their vehicles had broken down causing the Knight's to be without a vehicle. Myra's father needed to move in with the family because he is legally blind, and could not live on his own, making things very tight. The Knight's were in the process of purchasing a home through Community Connections, Pathfinder Services Housing Division, at the time and wanted to do nothing that would jeopardize the opportunity of owning a home. So instead of buying a car, Darrel began riding his bike to work. Friends and neighbors were taking the Knight family to the grocery store, and the Knight's were doing everything they could to get their new home. On October 5, 2005 the Knight's closed on their new home with the help of Community Connection's Down payment assistance program.

In December, the Knight's received an early Christmas present. Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and Pathfinder Services president John Niederman, and the builders of the home, Homestead Acres, visited their new residence and met with Darrel, Myra and the Knight family. When asked about the Lt. Governor's visit Myra Knight said, "We are all still talking about our experience, and it is something none of us will ever forget. This is a once in a life time thing, and it is something we will be telling our grandchildren about for years to come."

So while many of us during the holiday season were caught up in the rush of buying, giving, and doing everything but relaxing, the Knight's took a different approach. "We may not have much this year to give to our daughter for Christmas," Myra said, "but having our new home and having the experience we had is more than we ever could have asked for."