

LATRAYER AND BERNITA'S STORY



Bernita and LaTrayier are an unstoppable mother-daughter duo. For them, family is everything and they make a point to always be there for one another.

LaTrayier Williamson is 31 years old, and is the single mother of Ky'mier, age 2. Bernita Williams, age 53, is the mother of LaTrayier and grandmother to Ky'mier.

The main housing concern is the overcrowding of their current living situation. LaTrayier, Ky'Mier, and Bernita currently live in a three-bedroom townhome with LaTrayier's older brother, Paul.

Paul was injured in a car accident, and has been disabled since. "Most of Paul's body is metal", LaTrayier shared. "A semi-truck hit him and it is a miracle that he survived".

Due to the injuries Paul sustained, he is unable to use the stairs and must have a bedroom downstairs. However, this is an issue since Bernita is also disabled and struggles with the stairs.

Bernita suffers from seizures and living in the upstairs bedroom has proven dangerous, considering she has already fallen several times. "I can hardly bare to watch my mom go through that," shared LaTrayier, "It's hard."

Aside from their living situation, LaTrayier and Bernita have also been surrounded by overwhelming grief. Close family members and friends have unexpectedly passed away recently, to include Bernita's mother and LaTrayier's father. "I feel like I could not pick up my phone without hearing bad news," shared Bernita.

The family went to visit Bernita's mother in New York and made it just in time. "Once we arrived to see my mother, she was only alive for a few hours", shared Bernita. "Despite everyone I love passing away around me I still smile and encourage others to follow their dreams and do what makes them happy", shared LaTrayier.

LaTrayier and Bernita are looking forward to having a better living environment, but also to have stability and comfort. "We do not take this opportunity lightly and we are so thrilled to be in the program," said Bernita. "It gives us hope."