



**Thanks to the Home Depot Foundation and Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, a California US Navy Veteran and his family improved the health, safety and energy efficiency of their home with critical home repairs made possible by the partner organizations.**

Nelson served eight years of active duty in the U.S. Navy, and two years with the Air National Guard stationed in Virginia and New Jersey, before he decided to take on a very different role. Today he is a stay-at-home dad to his five children: Jaiden, 10; Jordan, 7; Jocelyn, 6; Leo, 4; and Maya, 2. His wife, Melissa, remains an active-duty servicemember in the Navy. The family of seven relies on a single income, so Nelson and Melissa did not have the financial means to repair their home.

Even though they purchased the home only a year and a half ago, the air-conditioning system and the plumbing already needed repairs. When Nelson and Melissa learned about the Veteran Home Repair Program at Habitat of Orange County from neighbors who were participating in the program, they were eager to apply. Thanks to The Home Depot Foundation and Habitat for Humanity the family's home recently received the repairs it needed, along with new energy-efficient windows and new carpeting throughout.

"Thank you for absolutely everything you, your team and all the donors have done for our family," Melissa says. "You all have made a lifelong impact on our lives, and we are forever grateful. Thank you!"

