

Partner Family

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Building on Faith 2017

The Barrie Family

After years of moving from place to place Kellie was ready to find something permanent and stable for her family. She currently rents an apartment in Madisonville with her two children, 14 year old son Kendalyn and 10 year old daughter Katelyn. Kellie works at Trace Arcadia retirement home, but lives on a fixed income making it difficult to afford her expensive monthly rent. With the majority of her monthly income going towards housing, she became rent burdened.



“It’s tough to have to spend so much money each month, especially to something that doesn’t belong to you,” says Kellie. “I want to have a place that we can call our own, that my kids will have for their future. To me home means family. It’s your comfort zone and sanctuary. Home is a great word if you’re owning it and it’s yours.”

After learning about Habitat for Humanity through her best friend, Kellie enrolled in the homebuyer program, unaware of the strong connections she would be making. Through earning her sweat equity hours, she has bonded with her neighbors and already loves the neighborhood. Her experience with working with volunteers on her build site has also proven to be a positive one.

“All the volunteers are greatly appreciated and I’ve loved working with them so far,” says Kellie. “Everyone is so pleasant with great attitudes and the construction crew is always so nice. It’s amazing! Especially since the volunteers don’t have to do the work they do. I want to thank them all, because I couldn’t do it alone.”

Kellie has made great memories while working towards her home, but admits that completing her sweat equity hours has been tough while balancing work and family. However, her kids have been her biggest motivation and she continues to work towards her home for their future. With the affordable monthly mortgage for her habitat home, Kellie will be able to finally send her daughter to dance school and save up for a family vacation.

The Barrie Family’s home is sponsored by the Habitat Building on Faith (BOF) committee. The BOF committee was formed to provide volunteer opportunities for all those that choose to put their faith and love into action. It is an all inclusive committee with members/volunteers from local churches. Faith communities are the cornerstone for Habitat for Humanity. Building on Faith brings together persons of all faiths to work side-by-side with Habitat Homebuyers to help continue building home, communities, and hope. A member of Faith Bible Church, Kellie is looking forward to the momentous occasion of her home dedication and having her Pastor attend the ceremony and bless her home.

“I’m just so thankful for Habitat giving me the opportunity to become a homeowner and am super excited for what’s to come!”