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## **Future Habitat Homeowners Tate and Briana H.**

Briana and Tate H. are a couple dedicated to balancing work and family. The two started dating after Tate left his phone number on a napkin at the restaurant where Briana worked. Fast forward four years, and Briana has that napkin framed as she and her now-husband continue to make new memories together.

They have two precious sons, Owen (2) and Matthew (8 mo.); Owen enjoys watching YouTube videos featuring cars and trucks, while Matthew enjoys attempting to eat non-edibles and staying active by crawling around and playing. According to Briana, Matthew also admires his older brother and thinks he is the greatest.

Tate and Briana both work hard to provide for their family and cherish the time they can all spend together. Financial security was a goal the couple dedicated themselves to when starting a family, and now with their current jobs they feel stable and ready to work toward homeownership. **“We’re getting a little sick of apartment life... the walls are thin and you can hear people walking around upstairs. Some of our neighbors can be loud, and the air ducts are all connected, which worries us because some of the neighbors are smokers and we want the kids to be healthy.”**

Getting involved with Habitat for Humanity of Evansville has provided a great deal of positivity for Briana and Tate. Briana’s mother knew Donna, the Family Services Director at Habitat, who passed on the message that Habitat was looking for new applicants. **“When we got the call telling us we were accepted, we were super happy. Briana was in the other room mouthing to me, ‘We got it!’”**

From the time they learned of their acceptance, Tate says, **“The process has been long, but worth it, definitely.”** There have been challenges in balancing time between work, the kids, and sweat equity, but the road ahead is promising.

As a result of the hard work they put in, the family will have their own home that better fits their needs; Tate notes that he looks forward to the additional space in the kitchen and being able to paint the walls. The new house will also create a better environment for Owen and Matthew. **“It will mean more room for our kids to go outside and play, and it will be a place where we can host company,”** Briana states. The affordability of the mortgage will also allow the family to save reserve funds for potential car repairs or vacations with the boys.

**“Blood, sweat, and tears went into building our home. It was not free; we worked for it... But it will mean having a home that is actually ours.”**