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Future Habitat Homeowner Stephanie L.

Stephanie L. is a determined and hardworking mother of three who is excited for the future her new home will help bring. She is currently working as a health aid who visits and cares for elderly in their homes. Her children Destinee (16), Ethan (10), and Isabella (5) are all very active and enjoy volleyball, wrestling, and ballet respectively. Isabella also wants to be a firewoman when she grows up.

Currently, the three kids share a room in their two-bedroom house. Space is tight, and the family looks forward to having individual rooms to call their own along with space where everyone can still spend quality time together. The family's Habitat home will also help ease their financial burden. **"It's always been a struggle living paycheck to paycheck, but I'm going to be much less stressed when I have a reliable, affordable mortgage."**

Stephanie learned about Habitat from her best friend, Dalana, who at the time was working her own sweat equity hours in the Habitat homeownership program. **"I got involved with building Dalana's house and even helped raise the walls,"** Stephanie explains. From there, she saw the potential and opportunity for her own family and went on to begin the application process.

Since her approval and the start of her sweat equity, Stephanie describes life as "busy." **"It can be hard balancing everything, but Andrea and Donna from Habitat Evansville have been awesome in helping me get my sweat equity hours in. I volunteer most of the available construction days, and the staff has worked with my schedule. I'm making it work!"** Stephanie does not see the finishing of her future home as an end date for her involvement with Habitat. **"I still plan on volunteering and helping other future homeowners reach their 300 hours of sweat equity because I know how much it helps to have support."**

She and her children are looking forward to the fun memories they will be able to make after they move in. Stephanie mentions, **"The affordable mortgage will allow us opportunities to do more random fun things like a day trip to Holiday World or Burdette Park."**

Stephanie believes their Habitat house will feel even more like home because she and her daughter put in a great deal of time and effort to help build it. **"It will be special because of all the hustle it takes to make it happen... I will have helped build it, and my daughter will have helped build it too. It'll be special because it's really ours."**