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of Evansville

**every homeowner  
has a story**

## **Habitat Future Homeowner Steve W.**

Steve W. works at Deaconess Hospital as a central supply tech charge. He has three grown children Shawn (38), Tammie (30) and Brock (26) as well as one grandson named Colton (9), who Steve cannot picture his life without.

Currently, Steve lives in an upstairs apartment that has a lot of traffic, noise, neighbors and slower than preferred maintenance assistance. Wanting a better housing option that would allow him to age-in-place, Steve started looking into single-story homes.

However, Steve faced a large obstacle – a lack of affordable housing in our area. He says, **“I never would have had a house because I could not save up enough to put a down payment on a decent home.”**

It was around this time that Steve was reminded about the affordable homeownership opportunities available through Habitat for Humanity from his place of employment, Deaconess Hospital. He says, **“I actually learned about the program several years ago, but this time I called figuring if nothing else all they can say is yes or no. But, I got accepted!”**

Steve says, **“Applying for a Habitat home was great. I went in thinking I wouldn’t qualify, so after going through all the steps – the application, interview and home inspection – I was so excited when I got accepted into the program!”**

**“After I began my partnership with Habitat, I’ve been much more positive. I see the light at the end of the tunnel, and being around everyone in this organization has been a blessing. The Core Crew is amazing too!”**

As Steve gets closer to the reality of owning his own home, he feels even more strongly that, **“Owning a Habitat home will mean accomplishment, peace of mind and a stable place to live my life.”**

Steve says he is looking forward to taking care of his own home and laying down roots. **“This will be a place where I am proud to have friends and family over. Also, I’m looking forward to meeting my neighbors!”**