



every homeowner has a story

Future Habitat Homeowner Tammy H.

Tammy H. was born in South Carolina. Her family moved a lot when she was younger, and they moved to Evansville when she was 13. Nowadays, Tammy continues to call Evansville home. She enjoys cooking, watching television and spending time with her family. For the last two years, Tammy has worked as a front-end customer service associate at Lowe's, and she was named the employee of the month in September. Tammy has a daughter Natasha (43), who works with Aurora in Evansville, and a grandson Noah (12), whom she calls Peanut. She smiles and says, **"I'm super close to Noah. We like to go to the movies and see superhero movies together. We also like to shop together and simply hang out. He's my life."** Excitedly, she adds, **"I also have another grandchild on the way! I'm very excited to meet him or her!"**

Currently, Tammy lives by herself in a 2-bedroom apartment. She comments, **"The apartment is noisy due to the neighbors, and it's not in the greatest of neighborhoods."** She goes on to say, **"My daughter told me about the affordable homeownership opportunities available with Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. I'd seen ads for the program on TV and in the newspaper, but it wasn't until my daughter encouraged me that applying became a reality. She actually applied for me ... with my permission of course! Owning my own home will be scary for me as I've always rented, but thanks to her encouragement I'm getting excited. I'm looking forward to being my own landlord!"**

Tammy says, **"Applying for the Habitat homeownership program has been a very positive experience. Everyone has been very nice and accommodating – both at my job and those at Habitat."** She goes on to say, **"Since I've begun my partnership with Habitat for Humanity, I've made new friends – members of the Core Crew, fellow future homeowners, and others involved with Habitat. I also feel like I'm in better shape due to my work on the homes!"**

For Tammy, owning a Habitat house will mean that she has something that truly belongs to her. She says, **"I like having a goal, and building and owning a Habitat home is mine. Owning this house will mean I'll be able to decorate the home how I want and not have to answer to a landlord. I'll also have more independence financially thanks to the affordable mortgage."**

Looking to the future Tammy states, **"I'm going to be able to save more and plan for life in the future. I may possibly take a vacation or do more things with my grandson. I'm also looking forward to having more space. My grandson will be able to have his own room in my house."** Laughing she adds, **"It will be a guest room, but it will really be my grandson's."**