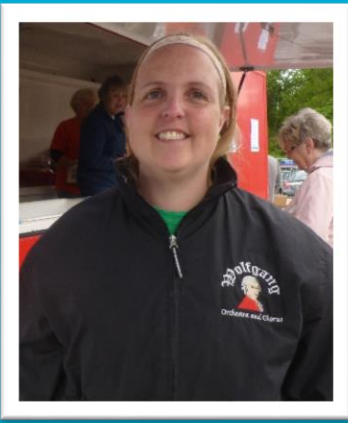




**every homeowner
has a story**



Future Habitat Homeowner Terri K.

Since 2009, Terri K. has worked for a food service company called Sodexo as a cashier and stocker at a Simply-to-Go store located on the University of Southern Indiana campus. During the summer, Terri works on USI's maintenance team cleaning the dorms. Along with her day jobs, Terri puts her time to good use by fulfilling her passion of caring for hospice patients. Since 2013, she has been volunteering with Deaconess Hospital's hospice care unit. Terri says, **"Currently, I'm seeing a patient in a nursing home. I'm trying to help the families a little by sitting with their loved ones."** Terri also helps Echo Health Care by filing papers.

At present, Terri is living with her mom Alice. She says, **"I have lots of stuff because I've lived on my own before; but, right now a lot of it is in the basement and cluttering my bedroom due to lack of storage."** She goes on to say, **"It's nice of my mom to let me live with her, but I'm ready to have a place of my own again with more room."**

Terri learned about Habitat for Humanity through her dad. She says, **"I remember my dad helping build Habitat homes when I was younger which inspired me to volunteer on builds when I was in college in Anderson as well as when I was in seminary in Lexington, Kentucky."** However, it wasn't until recently that Terri considered applying for a home herself.

"When I was looking up alternative housing options I discovered that the majority of apartments available to rent in our area had high monthly rates, so I decided to try and apply for the affordable homeownership program through Habitat."

Since partnering with Habitat, Terri says she's been enjoying learning new construction vocabulary from the Core Crew. She says, **"They've changed the meaning of "toe nails" and "cat claws" for me!"** She goes on to say, **"I've had to reorganize my schedule to make time for volunteering on build sites and for taking the required classes, but I'm making it work."**

As a home of her own begins to become a reality, Terri is excited about the opportunity to landscape her own yard. She states, **"I've even begun putting together a 'To Plant List' for my yard."** Additionally, Terri is not only looking forward to having a de-cluttered bedroom, but also a craft room in which to crochet and cross stitch chickadees and lilac bushes as well as plenty of space for a multi-purpose study and guest bedroom.