

## Meet Dominique & Her Beautiful Children



### Get Ready

Dominique was born and raised in the small town of Winchester, Tennessee. As a child, she was involved in soccer, ballet, and her high school dance team. She attended UT-Chattanooga for a short time and pursued her dream of becoming a nurse. Due to life circumstances, that dream was put on hold.

Dominique and her three children have lived with her mom in Murfreesboro for the past several years. It has been a blessing, but she has always longed for a home of her own. Even though she was once pre-approved for a home loan, it wasn't enough to afford a house in Rutherford County.

"I have spent most of my adult life living in a catch 22," Dominique stated. "I barely make enough to keep my head above water but make too much to qualify for certain things". Dominique is beyond grateful that our community has a program like the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity.

She first learned about RCHFH from a dear friend who became a homeowner through the program. With her friend's encouragement, she decided to apply. Unfortunately, she was denied for the homeownership program twice. After learning about the RCHFH Get Ready class, she decided to join and make sure she had everything ready to apply next time. On the third attempt, she was accepted into the program. "I have been both excited and shocked," Dominique admitted. "Right now, I am just trying to stay focused so that I can achieve my goals."

Dominique is currently employed at the Murfreesboro location of 84 Lumber. She is looking forward to putting in her sweat equity hours while working on-site with the materials she knows so well. She said she "felt at ease when the Construction Manager was giving an overview of the products used to build the homes in Legacy Pointe".

Dominique's children participate in gymnastics and baseball and are excited about having a backyard to play in with their friends. "The neighborhood is very nice," Dominique commented. "I appreciate that there is a HOA to provide a sense of structure for a community of people with different backgrounds."

Once her home is built and she is settled in, she might consider going back to school to get her Esthetician license. She feels her home will give her the sense of freedom she has longed for and confirm her belief that anything is possible.

Dominique and her family are truly grateful for the selfless kindness of those sponsoring and building their home.