

## Meet Brittany



### A Door of Opportunity

Brittany and her two older sisters were raised by their parents and grandmother. As a child, Brittany enjoyed riding bikes and playing double dutch with her neighborhood friends. Her family moved often and by the time she was fourteen, Brittany had lived in four different states. When her family fell in love with Tennessee, they decided to make it their home. While in High School, Brittany played clarinet and was very involved in the band. She graduated with honors from Hunters Lane High School.

Upon graduation, Brittany attended Murray State University and studied Criminal Justice. After a couple of years, Brittany moved back home. After moving back, Brittany got her Medical Assistant degree and began looking for jobs. However, it was difficult to find a position in her field that also paid well. Eventually she found employment as a claims adjuster for a workman's comp company and worked there for five years. In 2020, due to the pandemic, she was forced to find a different career. She is currently employed as a Senior Bugs Associate on the US Data Security-US User and Product Operations team of a large social media company. In this role, she looks for and flags bugs, aids in the audit process, and works with the engineering team.

During this period, Brittany was living with family or moving from place to place depending on what was most affordable. The challenge of finding housing left her discouraged and exhausted. She had heard about the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity Homeownership program but was not sure if it was the right fit for her. She thought that RCHFH only served single mothers or people in a major crisis. But, after doing a little more research, she realized the RCHFH Homeownership program would be exactly right for her. In the Spring of 2022, Brittany put her doubts and fears aside, and decided to apply for the program.

When Brittany received the news that she had been accepted into the program, she cried tears of joy. "I wondered what made me stand out," she admitted. "I recall feeling very grateful that I had qualified for this new opportunity." Brittany has thoroughly enjoyed the classes and learning what homeownership is all about. She will be the first in her family to own a home, and she does not take this responsibility lightly.

For the last several years, Brittany has been living in an apartment. "The noise is loud, and sometimes can be a distraction", she said. She hopes that her new home will provide her with the peace and tranquility that she has been missing. She is also confident that new doors of opportunity will open because of this stable foundation. Brittany is looking forward to building her home as well as her neighbors' homes. She is excited to be a part of the Legacy Pointe neighborhood, to get to know the people around her, and experience the advantages of homeownership.

She wants the many volunteers, sponsors, and RCHFH staff to know how much she appreciates their contribution of time, talent, and treasure to make her journey a success!