

## Meet Kevin



## New Beginnings

Kevin was born in Murfreesboro. He and his younger brother were raised in the heart of downtown. He was a talented athlete, playing basketball, football, and track. When he was in the sixth grade, his family moved to Atlanta. Kevin continued playing sports throughout high school and his first job was at McDonald's.

Upon graduating from high school, Kevin moved to Las Vegas where he worked for a bus touring service. After three years he decided to move back to Murfreesboro to be close to family. Kevin settled back into his hometown and spent the next 17 years working for Heatcraft. When the company eventually closed and moved to Mexico, he went to work at International Paper. He has been there for the last eight years. Kevin has three children: one son and two daughters and making them proud is very important to him.

Kevin recently went through a difficult time in his life and was not sure what his next steps would be. His family mentioned the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity Homeownership program, but quite honestly, he was clueless about what that would even entail. It was Kevin's dear Aunt that picked up the application and really encouraged him to consider this option. With the support of his family, he pushed himself outside of his comfort zone and completed the application. When he received the call that he had been accepted into the RCHFH program, he was so thankful. "I was so happy that I had done something for myself," he said smiling. "My hope is that this journey will continue to give me more confidence."

Kevin has learned so many new things in the homeownership class. It is preparing him to be a successful homeowner and he has engaged his mother in making the selections for his home. "My mom is a real estate agent and traveled all the way from Atlanta to help me," Kevin said smiling. "It meant a lot to have her with me and to play a significant role in my journey." Kevin is also looking forward to the building process, watching his home go up, and being a part of the neighborhood and Legacy Pointe community. "It takes the generosity of others to give each of us the chance for a new beginning, and this is giving me the opportunity to make a huge change in my life." he said humbly

Kevin would like to thank everyone who has helped and continues to support the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity mission.