

Meet Kristie & Her Children



Becoming Established

Kristie and her younger sister were primarily raised by their mom and grandparents. After graduating from high school, she became a medical assistant, and started a family. In 2018, Kristie moved closer to her family in Murfreesboro, found an apartment, and started a new job.

Kristie began facing several challenges during the 2020 global pandemic. Her apartment was becoming a place of worry and concern. She knew that she wanted to move but she also knew that she did not want to continue to live in subsidized housing. "I wanted to move forward and become established," she said. "That is when I started researching options for affordable housing."

The parents of a friend had worked for the Habitat for Humanity organization, and she remembered it from her childhood. After researching the qualifications and checking her credit score, Kristie decided to apply for the homeownership program at the local Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity. She was hoping for the best but promised herself that she wouldn't get too overly excited. Even though she had a home visit and received a call about the homeowner orientation from RCHF, it wasn't immediately apparent to Kristie that she had truly been accepted into the program.

Now that she is successfully enrolled, the RCHF homeownership program is helping Kristie to be more consistent, accountable, and to stay on top of things. She is learning a great deal and it is also helping push her out of her comfort zone to be more outgoing. When the home is complete, and they are settled, Kristie plans on reading, enjoying a cup of tea, and watching the night sky with her kids.

"The building of this house is also helping to build a firm foundation for us," she said. "Just like my grandparents provided for us, I have always wanted a place my family could come home to."

Kristie, and her family, are truly grateful to everyone who is coming together to help sponsor and build their home. She is especially thankful to the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity staff and volunteers for their encouragement and support during the entire homeownership process.