

Meet Kelly & Her Family



The Hard Work Paid Off

A native of Murfreesboro, Kelly has lived here all her life. She and her younger sister were raised by their parents. Her mom and dad rented a home until Kelly was 11 and then became homeowners. They still live in the same house to this day. Kelly's childhood was filled with track competitions and beauty pageants. In 2009, Kelly graduated with her GED and entered the workforce.

Kelly's first job was with the Volunteers of America Caregiving Program. While she was working there, the father of her three oldest children passed away. It was this experience that inspired her to go back to school and become a Medical Assistant. Upon completing her certification, Kelly got a job at Precision Pain Care. She worked there for five years until she got hired at the Family Care Center in 2023. During this time, Kelly also gave birth to her three younger children. Kelly loves her job and serving those that struggle with mental illness.

For the past fifteen years, Kelly and her six children have been living in the same three-bedroom, one bathroom apartment. All seven of them are crammed into a small space that has very poor ventilation. The apartment is covered in mold and a few of the kids deal with asthma because of it. The kids don't have friends over and often one or two of them sleep on the couch because it is cooler downstairs. Kelly has stayed for so long because it was what she could afford. However, she also knew she wanted more for her family and there needed to be a change.

Kelly first heard about the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program through a family member. She applied a few years ago, but unfortunately, she was not accepted. Since then, Kelly has been working hard to get things in order. Her family reached out when applications were open again, she wasted no time picking one up. Kelly was on her way to get her kids from after school care when she received the call that she had been accepted. "I cried when I got the news," Kelly said smiling. "All of my hard work was finally paying off."

Kelly and her children are so excited to have a beautiful home that they can call their own. They will have space, clean air, a place for friends to visit, a backyard to practice sports, and the comfort of knowing they are safe. "These children are a gift and my responsibility," Kelly said. "I am working hard for them and want them to be a part of this opportunity."

When the home is finished and they are settled, Kelly has plans to continue her education and become a RN. Kelly and her family would like to thank to donors, volunteers, and the RCHF team for what is truly a blessing for them.