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Carolyn Logan describes herself as an interior decorator. "I am very meticulous," she says. "My kids hate it. Everything has to be neat and in its place. I just love decorating, just seeing how things come together, colors and patterns." Soon, she will have ample opportunity to exercise her creative impulses when she decorates the house Habitat for Humanity is building with her.



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Carolyn is a divorced mother of two children, a 13-year-old daughter and a six-year-old son, and the family has lived in Springfield for nearly two years. She became involved with Habitat for Humanity after a friend told her about the program. She filled out an application "on a wing and a prayer" and learned a short time later that she would be receiving assistance from the program.

And the help couldn't have come at a better time. The conditions of her rental home were bad enough that employees from Habitat insisted she find a new place to stay. "There was so much mold in the house, it was detrimental for me and the kids. That's what prompted me to hurry up and get out of there. It was just a mess and I was fortunate that I was in God's good grace when it happened just like that for me. Habitat helped me get where I am now," she says.

Habitat for Humanity requires its future homeowners to complete 250 sweat equity hours toward their new home; Carolyn is nearly finished with her hours and completed them in record time. "I was just so excited and so appreciative for all that they were doing for me, so I wanted to do everything I can," she says. "I want to do my part."

Volunteers are scheduled to start building on her house in September and the goal is to finish early next year. The kids haven't quite absorbed the idea of a having a brand new home. "I don't think they really grab the concept yet," Carolyn says. "I think my daughter...it's going to really hit her when she starts picking out the colors for her room."

When talking about Habitat for Humanity, Carolyn beams with happiness. "It is such a blessing that people are like that and willing to help somebody else. It's just an awesome thing. Everybody is so willing to pitch in and give, and do whatever they can to help somebody that is less fortunate, and I think that's wonderful," she says. "I love everybody there. It seems like one big family."