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Kelly Brock-Harris, a single mother of three children, is about to be a first-time homeowner, thanks to Habitat for Humanity and members of the community.

For the first time, 9-year-old Sadie, 4-year-old Gavin, and 3-year-old Zetta will each have their own room. "Having their own rooms is going to be very exciting for us," Kelly said. She is looking forward to home ownership and providing stability and security for her family. "Without Habitat, becoming a homeowner would not be possible for me," Kelly said.



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Kelly, who lives with her children in her mom's home, is a fulltime student at Benedictine University at Springfield, and is working toward a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Organizational Behavior. Kelly and her kids are members of St. Joseph's Parish. Sadie is a fourth grader at St. Joseph's School; she is in the school's choir and a member of Girl Scouts. Gavin and Zetta attend Westside Christian Daycare and enjoy evening classes at The Music Factory.

Kelly started working with Habitat for Humanity in 2009. She and Sadie are completing 250 hours of sweat equity toward their home. Sweat equity is one of the ways Habitat for Humanity participants take part in the home ownership process. Kelly is looking forward to being an active participant on the build-team for her house. Construction of the house begins in June 2011. The children are excited about the build, and Gavin said he wants to be a construction person when he grows up. Gavin has his hardhat ready and Zetta wants her own hammer. Sadie is excited about the family having their own house. "This will be our first house to call home. When the house is done, it will be filled with joy and happiness," she said.

Kelly said her experience with Habitat for Humanity has been great, and the people there are "like family." She is thankful for the organization and for the people in the community who are helping her achieve her dream of owning a home.