



MEET THE JENKINS FAMILY



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY

Danielle Jenkins' life changed last year when she received custody of her 22-year-old sister Keara. Until that point, Danielle lived with only her four-year-old daughter Kinzley, but suddenly the family of two became a family of three. There were many new needs that the family had not encountered before. Habitat St. Charles came in at just the right time for the Jenkins family. The first thing Danielle told her sister when she found out they were going to be moving into a new Habitat home in Wentzville was that she would have her own room! It was a great moment of celebration. The whole family is thrilled to have the opportunity to settle down in a permanent, stable home.

In addition to not having enough space or privacy for their newly expanded family, the Jenkins' live in an unsafe environment. The basement has issues with lead and mold and there is also a rodent infestation. This has gotten so bad recently that the family cannot use their kitchen cabinets and see the vermin multiple times a week. These issues are getting worse with time. This is just the right time for the Jenkins family to begin their 300 sweat equity hours to put towards their brand-new home.

Danielle is looking most forward to the freedom and stability that will come with her new home. Her daughter Kinzley will be able to enroll in one school district for her entire education. Keara will be able to have her special needs met much more effectively in her new home with her own space. Danielle will no longer have to rely on a landlord, as she will be able to pay her own affordable mortgage and own her home. She encourages anyone thinking about applying to the Habitat program to "just apply, because you just never know what will happen!"