

MEET THE

Wright Family



“The great feeling you get from helping others is very rewarding.” -Patti Wright

Patti Wright brightens up the Habitat office and construction site with her easy smile and joyful laughter. She is truly a woman who is full of hope for her future. The past few years have been difficult for Patti, but she has not let the hardship crush her spirit. Her life has

been characterized by instability since she left her husband two years ago. Since the divorce, Patti and her two children have lived with various friends and family members, searching for somewhere affordable to live that will accommodate her son’s special needs. With his severe autism, it is difficult to find a space for 18-year-old Devin to feel safe and comfortable. Currently, Patti and her two children, Devin and Emily, are staying with Patti’s sister. This creates quite a drive for Patti to be able to get her son to school in O’Fallon and to Community Living, a support group he attends after school.

One of Patti’s biggest concerns was finding a permanent home in the Fort Zumwalt school district, as this is the district that has been best able to meet Devin’s needs. Now that Patti is working towards building her home in O’Fallon, she no longer has to worry about where her kids will go to school. The Wright family will complete 350 sweat equity hours toward the purchase of their home, as well as pay a monthly mortgage. Patti can be hopeful towards a future where her daughter Emily has her own room instead of having to share the cold basement with her. They will no longer have to live with friends and family because their family will have a home that they can truly call their own. Patti says that Habitat St. Charles will change so much about her family’s life and future because she will not have to be worried about finding somewhere affordable to live.

Patti encourages other families to apply for Habitat’s Homeownership program. “If you’re not approved the first time, don’t give up,” Patti urges. “Anything that’s worth having doesn’t come easy, but the reward in the end is well worth it.”

