

Family Partner Profile



THE LEVIN FAMILY

Heather Levin learned of Habitat STW through her job, Family Promise of St. Tammany, a nonprofit agency that helped her when she was homeless. After watching a previous Family Promise client, Ed, go through the Habitat STW application and process, she saw firsthand that homeownership really is a possibility. His story gave her hope and realistic expectations that she could one day own a home for her family.



Her vibrant and positive personality is the first thing you notice when you meet her. "I was told I'm the happiest homeless person you'll ever meet," said Heather. This positive attitude and her children is what motivates her to keep working towards her goal on homeownership.

"Home is where my family can feel safe, secure and comfortable," said Heather. "I'm excited to save money while owning my home instead of overspending on rent. It's something that will be mine to design and decorate how I want."

She and her children have outgrown their current apartment and she is looking forward to spreading out in the new space. Heather's children are Colson, 13, Payton, 12, Bentley, 9, and two-year-old, Harley. The older children are very involved in baseball and softball with much of their free time being spent at the ball park. The family also volunteers with Heather's work and attends church.

Heather has been waiting for an opportunity like this to own her own home for at least 20 years, definitely since becoming a mother. She has struggled with managing to pay bills and work, but without adequate child care. After getting out from being rent burdened and into her new, affordable Habitat STW home, Heather plans to begin saving aggressively. She would like to further her education in business, but also finally be able to take the kids on a nice vacation.



A motto that Heather instills in her children is "God's got you!" and "success is their best comeback". She wants them to continue to try and do better than where they are now. Heather wants the work she's doing to achieve home ownership to be an example to her kids so they don't travel some of the roads she did. She's excited to provide the security for her children that comes with owning a home.

"I would like to thank the staff, donors and volunteers of Habitat STW. If it weren't for you, families like mine wouldn't have the support to step up and attempt buying a home. By donating to Habitat STW, you can help me and others like me own a home and create lasting memories," said Heather.

The Levin family home is sponsored by Habitat STW's 40th Anniversary Campaign.