



Family Partner Danielle Pilon

Danielle Pilon is a
Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West
Women Build homebuyer



Danielle Pilon has been a secretary for Children's Hospital Northshore Center for four years. Her two sons are Drew, 12 and Bryson, 5. Danielle is originally from Upstate New York, and moved here in 2016. They have loved every minute of the culture shock, amazing food and people.

Danielle's day starts at 5am with a cup of coffee and about 4 5 minutes to herself. She then gets ready for work. Before leaving the house, she double checks homework and bags to make sure everything is complete and ready to go. Everyone returns home at about 4:45 in the afternoon, then its dinner, tv/screen time, bath and beds. There's usually not much time during the week for extra fun, but on the weekends, they try to get out of the house and spend time together. Swimming and cookouts are usually on the schedule in warm weather.

The family currently lives in a mobile home in Ponchatoula and the condition of it is lacking. During Hurricane Ida, water rose to high levels under the trailer and even though it is raised, issues continue still. They struggle with rotting sheetrock, paint peeling, soft floors, leaky windows and the biggest issue is the mold. It is constantly making Danielle and her sons ill. She says the biggest difference of the new home and now will be a safe and secure situation for her and the boys. She's excited that everything will be brand new and she can provide a clean, and healthy environment for the boys and be much closer to work. Commuting is really putting wear and tear on her car. The boys are excited about new schools, new friends and bigger bedrooms.

Once in the new home, Danielle plans to save for a new car. She has also decided that she wants the family to have a brand-new start and she is currently saving to buy all new furniture! After she is settled, she would like the family to take a nice long vacation to go and visit friends and family in Upstate New York, that they haven't seen in over five years.

Danielle teaches the boys that every day is a "new adventure." She says, "being a boy mom just seems to make the word adventure seem way more fun. You never know who you are going to meet, or what kind of fun you're going to get into, but you have to make the best of every new adventure."

Danielle says home is a safe haven, their safe place, and their comfort zone. Home is where the heart is, and she will finally get to make that possible for her boys.