



Lawrence Habitat homeowner Haley Patterson with her four children in August 2018.

The Patterson Family

Meet Lawrence Habitat's 102nd homeowner, Haley Patterson, and her four children, Larkin (14), Kenadee (9), Kambree (6), and Knox (4).

Haley and her family have lived in Lawrence for a little over five years and have only glowing things to say about the area. "We absolutely love this town and the schools," she says.

Haley says that she has always had to rent a place to live in Lawrence, and required roommates to help her pay the bills, although she always dreamed that her family would have a place of their own.

One day, a former Habitat homeowner suggested to Haley that she should attend a Habitat homeowner informational meeting in January 2018, which she did. "With all the families there I never thought I would have the chance to be picked, so I did my research while I waited and discovered how great Habitat really was."

Haley says she prayed every day, imagining she would get a phone call or a letter informing them that they would become homeowners. "The day I found out that my family and I were chosen...it was surreal," she says. "Our lives were going to get better, my family was going to get closer, and my dream was actually going to come true!" She says she could only think of how happy her and her children would be now that they would soon have their "forever home."

Haley says she is "beyond excited" to get to work on their home in 2019, and she cannot wait to start her sweat equity hours. "My family is so ecstatic, and my heart is absolutely full. We will forever be grateful to Lawrence Habitat for Humanity for making this all possible!"

The Patterson family home will be Lawrence Habitat's 102nd home and our 2019 Women Build home. It is also part of our Beyond 100 Homes campaign, with construction beginning in 2019.