

# HOME BUYER PROGRAM FAMILY PROFILE



## The Vielbaum Family

### Quick Facts About This Family's Build



This will be the 46th home built and sold through our Home Buyer Program. It is tentatively scheduled as a Fall 2020 build and will be located at a TBD lot in Plymouth.



The Vielbaum Family is required to complete 250 hours of sweat-equity by volunteering on build sites, in the ReStore and through the completion of financial literacy and homeowner education curriculum.



The Vielbaum Family will purchase this home once it is complete and they have completed their sweat-equity requirements. They will pay a \$1,000 down payment at closing and have a 20-30 year mortgage.



Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat brings people together to carry out our mission. Volunteers of all skills and abilities will serve lunches, donate money and volunteer their time to help build this home.

### Tell us about your family.

My name is Kristen Vielbaum but I have been called Kitti since I was about 16. I grew up in the Hartford and Slinger area, which is where my parents grew up as well. I am the baby of five kids. I have three older brothers and one sister. I have two children, Blade (8 years old) and DeJa (7 years old). Both Blade and DeJa were diagnosed with Autism and last year Blade was diagnosed with ADHD as well. Taking care of them is difficult and very trying at times. A LOT of high pitch screeching came from the kids when they were toddlers and DeJa still screams like that today. Both of my kids attend Horizon Elementary. They have IEP's with their diagnoses. Their teams of teachers are AMAZING. I have worked most of my life in office positions but once I had the kids childcare became expensive and the kids just screamed so much. Eventually they were not allowed at daycare. In October 2016, I started working Saturdays and Sundays in the rework department at Masters Gallery Foods Inc in Plymouth. I met my current boyfriend, Braden there. He is a great boyfriend and will do anything for me, for the kids and for the pets. Oh yeah, speaking of pets, the kids and I have one 5-month-old puppy named Princess Sushi Rollz, Sushi for short. She is a 4lb Maltichon (Maltese & Bichon mix). We also have a 2-year-old cat named Princess Sylvia Sparklez, Sparklez for short. She is a small Chinchilla Persian. (Kind of like the "Fancy Feast" cat).

### What led you to apply for the Home Buyer Program?

The reason I applied for the program is because of my kids. They receive SSI which limits what I could save for a down payment. I felt like Habitat was my chance to be the queen of my very own castle. It's also hard living in a rental with the kids and their diagnoses. DeJa slams and kicks doors and she screams and has meltdowns a lot. Sometimes she makes the neighbors dogs bark and they also have a baby. DeJa has gone outside a couple times on her own with out saying anything too so I had to put alarms on the doors. There are railroad tracks right in my back yard, about 40 feet from my patio door. This scares me to death. Beyond that, DeJa has 3 to 5 therapists coming in and out Monday through Friday and sometimes even Saturdays. Home never feels like home because we don't have enough space. The therapists are at my kitchen table which makes it hard to eat breakfast or dinner as a family. DeJa's therapist gets here at 6:45am and leaves at 8:15am. The kids bus gets here at 8:20. DeJa has early release so she can come home for therapy at 2:15. The last therapist leaves my apartment at 7:15pm.

### What are you most looking forward to in owning a home?

I am most looking forward to having a yard where I can do gardening with the kids. I'm also excited to be able to hang clothes out on a line to dry and to be able to lay out and enjoy the sun. I also dream of a little tiki bar in the back yard! Beyond the fun stuff, I'm looking forward to more space and different safety accommodations for the kids. We need a fenced yard, cabinet locks, alarms for the doors. I also am excited to finish out the basement and create a therapy area for DeJa after we move in.

Interested in owning your own home? Call us at 920-458-3399 to learn more!

