



Kevin Warren and Lura Price yearn to create better lives for their four children – Jarad, 16; Brandon, 13; Kevin (aka “Mikey”), 11; and Shawn, 7.

Like most kids their age, their boys enjoy skateboarding, football and playing video games, and they achieve good grades. Yet, life in a dangerous drug community made it difficult for this growing family to enjoy even a simple game of backyard football. The dodgy neighborhood was compounded by deteriorating living conditions. Their apartment was too small, lacked proper storage space, and was marked by untreated water damage, leaks and weak flooring.

Kevin and Lura realized that, for their family to truly thrive, they needed to seek a fresh start.

For several years, they ruthlessly pursued homeownership, but unresolved credit issues forced them to delay purchase. Instead of throwing in the towel, the couple started working hard to pay off their debt and institute healthy financial habits.

When a realtor and close friend referred them to Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna’s homeownership program, Kevin and Lura took a leap of faith. They applied for a Habitat house of their own. One month later, the family was extended an offer.

“Deb called and she said we were perfect for the home and it just went from there,” Lura explained.

The Warren-Price family immediately started earning sweat equity, a process that opened their eyes to the value of perseverance and responsible homeownership. They also forged long-lasting and meaningful relationships with other Habitat volunteers. In fact, Lura recently obtained full-time work thanks to the generosity of a fellow construction volunteer.



“I got my job volunteering. My [current] supervisor from Hollywood Casinos offered me a job,” she said. “It’s great to know that there is help for people who want to help themselves but can’t seem to get both feet down.”

On September 9, 2011, after many hours of volunteer work and financial education, the Warren-Price family will finally move from their too-small apartment into a spacious home on Cherry Lane in Elkton.

“This is what we’ve been working for,” Lura expressed, her voice full of joyfulness.

So, how does the future look for the Warren-Price family? For now, Lura says, they are aiming to achieve financial stability and consistency. They also plan to continue on as Habitat volunteers, even after they move into the home they now call their own.

“I definitely will continue to do it,” she said. “I’d like to be there to say ‘Habitat helped me,’ so we’re trying to give back.”

Lura and the rest of the Warren-Price family wish to convey their deep gratitude to the home sponsors and volunteers who helped make homeownership possible.

“Thank you for sponsoring!” she exclaimed. “We do appreciate this very much.”