Tammie’s Habitat Home

Tammie will never forget picking up the phone and hearing sheer panic in her son’s voice; something no mother ever wants to have to experience.

She’d been working so hard to make ends meet for herself and her teenage children. They lived in a neighborhood most people wouldn’t want to drive through, let alone live in. The frantic call from 14-year-old Dustin was the last straw. **An intruder had broken into their home and he was in fear for his life.**

Thank God Dustin was okay. But Tammie knew they couldn’t go on living like this.

That was in 2009, the year Habitat for Humanity helped Tammie’s family finally turn things around by purchasing their own home. Today, Tammie and her children are living proof of Habitat for Humanity’s remarkable, long-term impact. Tammie now has a Master’s degree from Regis University and her three teens all graduated from high school and are pursuing advanced degrees.

“I am forever thankful for the opportunities this home has brought to me and my family.”

Pursuing her own degree was just the beginning, and she hopes the same will hold true for her children. As a devoted mom, a grateful mortgage-paying homeowner, and the CEO for New Genesis Transitional Housing Community for the Homeless, Tammie says she now has one more dream to realize ... “opening my own equine therapeutic camp for at-risk youth.”
strength
• Proven decreases in childhood health issues including asthma, mental health and developmental issues, and stunted growth.
• First-time homeowners report higher life satisfaction, self-esteem, and perceived control over their lives.
• Children in homeownership families outperform renters in math and reading achievement, and are proven to have fewer behavioral problems, higher levels of educational attainment, and greater future earnings.

stability
• Homeownership leads to stable neighborhoods and thriving families, and homeowners are 15% more likely to vote.
• People who own their home live four times longer in their neighborhoods and are 28% more likely to maintain and improve their home.

self-reliance
• Use of government assistance declines notably among low income homeowners compared to renters.
• Home equity is the leading asset Coloradans can leverage to start a business, finance a college education or invest in other activities.

Meaningful and Lasting Impact

- $3.1 Million
  Annual contributions to property taxes from Habitat for Humanity homeowners throughout the state

- 8/10
  Habitat homeowners feel that their neighborhood is as safe or more safe than the neighborhood they lived in before

- 2/3
  Habitat homeowners state that their children are doing better in school since they moved into their home

- $1.5 Million
  Public assistance funding saved in 2016 in Denver alone because Habitat homeowners no longer needed it