## meet the Berry family



Joanna is mother to Brayden (11), Elizabeth (8), and Emma (5). She works as a preschool teacher at Christ United Methodist Preschool.

"Being a homeowner will mean so much to me and my kids. Being able to come to a home instead of an apartment means we can enjoy a backyard for once. Also, they'll be able to enjoy their own space. I was married for six years and have been separated for four years. I have always hoped and prayed for a house but never had the chance.

We currently live in a two-bedroom, one bathroom apartment. The goals I have are to pay off the mortgage and start saving for college for my kids. Having a home will allow me to cut spending. I'm looking forward to having family over for holidays and having parties for the kids' birthdays. Being a working, single mom of three was never a part of the plan but here I am doing it. It has been a rough new life for us, but we get up every day, and we do it as a family. I want to partner with Habitat for Humanity so we can have a house to call home together."

"What I'm looking forward to as a first-time homeowner is having a place to call home."

