

# Meet the Pratt Family!



Richshawn Pratt, 37, says her goal has always been to own her own home and that she has known that Habitat Goldsboro-Wayne was her best option for making that dream a reality. Still, it took her applying three times before she was finally accepted in late summer 2016.

She explained that when she moved back to Wayne County from D.C. to be closer to family more than five years ago, she planned to become a homeowner.

“When I moved back, my set goal was to find myself and my kids a home that could be stable and affordable, something I could pass on generationally, something to make me feel complete,” she said.

And so even as she and her children, Andrew, 20, Antjuan, 19, and Angel, 15, constantly worried about mold, falling through the floor and whether the electric and plumbing systems would keep working in the 1972-model mobile home where they live, she knew that one day God would put her in a position to have a place to call her own.

“I think everything is a process,” she said, adding that once her two oldest children graduated from Southern Wayne High School, she knew it was time to give Habitat one more shot. “I prayed. I drew a picture of how I wanted my house, and God looked out for me.”

Now, working through the sweat equity process, she says she is excited about the prospect of putting hammer and nails to her own home – and for her children to be there beside her.

“They’re so supportive of me. They’re excited about it,” she said. “Me, I love it. It’ll probably give me some tears – tears of joy and happiness. You always wonder in the back of your mind, ‘Will it happen,’ but this is really a sense of completeness and being blessed.”