



Amanda & Cody Jr.



Since 2006 Amanda Jollie and her boy friend had moved around from city to city and apartment to apartment. In May of 2008, after living in Baltimore, Maryland for some time, they found themselves burdened with debt and homesick so they decided to return home to Pendleton County, West Virginia. Soon after moving in with Amanda's parents, the couple was shocked to discover they were expecting their first child. Both Amanda and her partner were unemployed and had no means to support neither themselves nor a dependant. How could they possibly raise a child?

The young couple knew they needed to find jobs and a place of their own that they could call home. They dreamed of their infant son having his own room instead of sleeping in a cramped computer room. Living with Amanda's parents had been a tremendous help, but at the same time it was very difficult for them to feel like a family themselves.

Renting an apartment and moving out of her parent's home would give them the space and time they needed to truly become a family but they already knew the troubles they have had being renters and they knew they did not have enough income to rent a decent place anyway so there seemed to be no way out.

The couple knew about Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity and wondered if that could be the answer to their prayers. The two were able to find jobs that provided enough income for the couple to qualify for a Habitat home. They completed their application in April and were shocked and overwhelmed when they received their letter of approval in June.

"Tears filled our eyes when we received the letter," said Amanda. "We will finally have a place we can call home."

Both Amanda and her boyfriend put in Sweat Equity hours every free moment they had. Providing a secure decent home for young Cody was very important to both parents. As the house was near completion the young couple made one of the hardest decisions they felt they would ever have to make. Their relationship was over but little Cody's father wanted to assure that his son would still be able to have a safe, decent place to live so he asked to be released from the partnership with Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity. Amanda was then able to qualify on her own merits by having the necessary income and the Sweat Equity that was needed for her to continue the partnership with Habitat.

"Thanks to the volunteers and Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity, my dream of owning my very own home will come true. Little Cody and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and God Bless!"

They moved into their new home, Lot # 6 in the Buffalo Hills Subdivision in October 2009.

