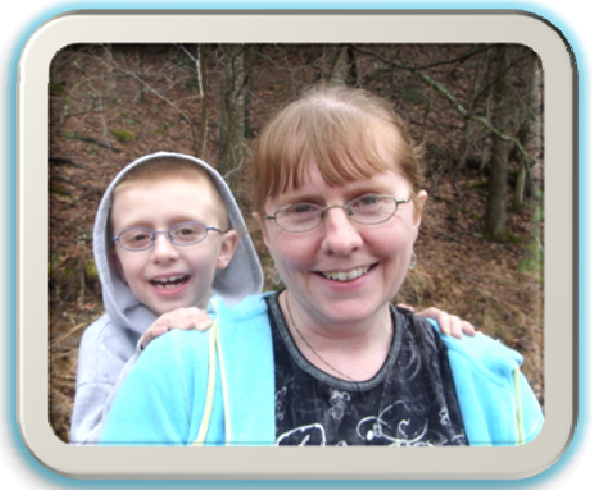


Jennifer & PJ Simmons

Jennifer is a single mother of a very spirited 7 year old boy, Patrick Jacob (everyone calls him “PJ”).

PJ has juvenile diabetes and medical issues with his eyes. The constant barrage of medical expenses is a continuous drain on Jennifer’s limited budget. Her son’s health and continuous financial worries has caused chronic stress for Jennifer.

Over the past few years they have moved numerous times trying to find something that was both decent and affordable, with little success.



Current Jennifer spends nearly 50% of her monthly income to rent a two bedroom trailer that is literally falling apart. The ceiling in PJs bedroom is sagging from the repeated water damage from the leaking roof and the floor in the bathroom is rotten from water seeping in where the walls meet the floor. The trailer is separating at its seams. This leaking has caused widespread mold growth throughout the trailer.

Jennifer and PJ are don’t drink the water in the trailer because it is contaminated with sulphur gas which makes the water smell like rotten eggs. The trailer also lacks a heating system. When the oil furnace broke down the landlord chose not to fix it so they heat the trailer with three portable heaters.

This is no place to raise a child, especially one that already has medical problems!

PJ is a very bright young man who deserves the opportunity to live where he can have the chance to make the most of the talents God has given him. Jennifer wants more than anything to provide a decent place to raise her son so she came to Habitat for Humanity for help.

Hearing that they were approved was the best news she had received in a long time. Jennifer was overcome with emotion and speechless, but PJ exclaimed, ***“WOW! It is super great and awesome that we’re getting a house Mom!”***

After pausing, Jennifer said ***“this new home is a blessing from heaven and the first step toward our new beginning!”***

Jennifer and PJ will move into their new townhouse at River Bend Gardens in June 2010.