

Tim & Sara's Story

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If life isn't busy enough raising four children, Tim and Sara now have another task on their plate: building their future home. Far from daunted, they make comments such as “I love building our own home” and “we get to make our footprints on our future home before we’re in the door.” Tim describes knowing basic maintenance and construction (“I could swing a hammer”) but has also enjoyed adding to his knowledge base, leaning things like floor tiling.



Theirs is a very close family. Tim works as a mechanic at Northampton Tire, and says one of the greatest

advantages to working there is that the company is very family-oriented. When the pandemic hit, Sara began homeschooling their children and then, when it was available, the children used the virtual option to complete the year. At that point Sara and Tim made the decision to switch back to homeschooling for good, allowing them to keep Sara's mother safe during her time of cancer.

Currently, Sara and Tim and four children ages 8-17 are squished into a cramped living space in Easthampton. When the opportunity to apply for a Habitat home arose, their interest arose too as there were a lot of positives for them when they scouted their possible future neighborhood. In one of those moments in life when sadness is balanced by joy, when they were bringing Sara's mother's ashes home, they got the call that they had been selected as one of the families to build their future home with Habitat.

The family loves to garden, and there is ample space around their future home for planting. They also look forward to the financial independence owning a home will mean for them. Tim and Sara see this home as an investment in their children's health and well-being today and into the future: “Something for them now and something for them when we're gone.

