

# meet our partner family

Liberty Olson and her two sons, Braxten (age 8) and Treyven (age 5), are desperately looking for a place to call their own.

The family currently lives in a two-bedroom apartment. Braxten and Treyven share a VERY small bedroom with bunkbeds that leaves little room for toys and play for two rambunctious boys. Liberty now sleeps on a couch in the living room to give her sons more



space. The apartment itself is drafty and mold grows throughout due to unrepaired leaks. Cars in the neighborhood have been vandalized, and Liberty recently came home to find damage to a window, causing concern that someone tried to break in. She constantly fears for the safety of her children. But it's her son, Braxton, who suffers the most. Born with a club foot, he finds it hard to walk up the stairs each day to their second-floor apartment.

Liberty is beyond excited to become a Habitat homeowner. "One of my dreams was to build a house and have the ability to afford it," she says. Braxten and Treyven will have bedrooms of their own and a yard to play in. The family will no longer have to live in cramped and cold conditions. Instead, they will soon have a permanent, stable, well-built place to call their own. Liberty and her boys will complete at least 350 sweat equity hours working alongside staff and volunteers to complete construction of their new home on Avon Street in La Crosse.

Liberty had to move many times as a young girl – never feeling settled. She wants better for her children, which is why she applied to be a Habitat homeowner. When asked how she feels about her home, she said, "I am overly excited and ready for our new future to begin."

When Liberty's home is complete, she will purchase it at full appraised value with a 30-year, zero percent interest mortgage.