

number that was provided and was surprised to get a live person on the phone (Bob) that not only remembered me but also remembered my sister and her family. Bob even mentioned the kids by their names and asked how they were doing. The remembrance of that small gesture made me feel really good about the program and showed that they not only provide assistance but that they get involved with each families life through out the process.

We started with the program again in February 1997, received credit counseling provided free by the program, went to home ownership seminars and class updates. After correcting our credit reports and getting with a mortgage company the construction of our new home was underway. The best part of all was choosing the brick color, the paint, and the carpet, floor tile and counter tops. Having the option to choose these items gave us an added boost of excitement to the home building process and added a personal touch to the home itself. In early August the house was complete and we signed the closing papers on a 4 bedroom/2 ½ bath/2 car garage on August 8, 1997!

Our family consists of 2 boys and 1 girl. I am currently employed as a letter carrier with the postal service and my husband is an inventory clerk for a catering service, which contract charter flights from DFW.

As an added *thank you* to the program, between my husband and I, we have volunteered over 80 hours to the program in helping other families to gain home ownership. We provided words of encouragement; organized food drives, helped with party activities, cleaned the street of trash and debris in our neighborhood, and organized and distribute the Christmas party festivities. The 4th of July, Valentine, Open House and Block party activities.

