



The Swieringa Family

Many good things have found their way to Stefanie and Randy Swieringa in the month of May 2017. Not only do they have a newborn baby girl, Emma, but they were accepted into the Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity homeownership program. They are the first family to qualify for the Georgetown Classis Build Program for Hudsonville.

Stefanie is a stay-at-home mother, actively involved with their church and thoroughly enjoying being a new mom. Randy works for Plascore Inc. in Zeeland and is working on a bachelor's degree in accounting and auditing. They live in a cramped apartment that consumes 40% of their monthly income. Stefanie is home alone with the baby every day in a location where she does not feel safe.

Along with the daily routine of working and parenting, their hobbies satisfy their creative urges. Randy enjoys landscape photography and gardening, while Stefanie is skilled at arts and crafts such as drawing, knitting, crocheting, and making beaded jewelry.

When they think about the changes having a Habitat house will bring, beyond the dream of owning their own home, they anticipate having an environment and life style conducive to growing and developing a happy, fulfilled, healthy family unit – where they can exercise their creativity without the restriction of not having room enough to have what they need.

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