

A Journey of Strength & Hope: the Justice Family Story

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Kylie Justice has always been resilient, but nothing could have prepared her for the battle she faced five years ago when Covid Neuropathy attacked her nervous system, leaving her paralyzed from the neck down.

A devoted mother of two energetic boys, Connor who is now 11 and Cooper who is now 7, she suddenly found herself unable to move, let alone care for them as she always had.

For six long months in the hospital, she fought through grueling therapy, relearning how to use her arms, hands, and legs. Returning home in a wheelchair, she relied on her parents for support as she worked tirelessly to regain her independence.

Through sheer determination and three years of healing, Kylie finally stood on her own again - both physically and in life. It was then that she realized she was ready to give her boys something more - a home of their own. While living with her parents gave them a home filled with love and support, it was time to build a future where they could grow, dream, and create their own memories.

Encouraged by her mother and stepfather, who have served as Habitat volunteers, Kylie applied, hopeful but unsure of what the future would hold. "Habitat helped us stay motivated to complete all the requirements," describes Kylie.

She says the journey with Habitat is more than just a process – it is a community of encouragement, motivation, and unwavering support. After spending her days working as an office coordinator, Kylie and her boys put in the effort to complete everything required of them step-by-step. With each passing day, the vision of their own home becomes clearer.

"Becoming a Habitat partner family is not just about owning a home, it is about gaining a support system, a community that stands by you every step of the way," says Kylie. "It is about resilience, hope, and the unwavering belief that no matter how hard life's challenges may be, there is always a way forward."

For Kylie, home means security, a space where she and her boys can unwind, cook together, and celebrate life's milestones. Connor and Cooper are eager to decorate their rooms, filling them with their favorite things, finally having a space to call their own. For Kylie, the simple joy of cooking in her own kitchen, a place where she can create meals and memories, is something she cherishes deeply.

When the day finally comes for Kylie to literally, and figuratively, step into her new home, it won't be just about walls and a roof - it will be a fresh start, and a celebration of her physical journey of wellness and overcoming obstacles. The home will be a place where laughter will echo through the halls, where birthdays and holidays will be celebrated, and where a mother can watch her sons thrive.

It is the foundation for a future filled with love, security, and endless possibilities.

