

## WISH BOOK: A family that sticks together

Jeffersonville mom wants to give the best Christmas for her children



(Left to right) Kasey Satterly, Blaze Stone, Anthony Stone, Angie Satterly, and Skylar Stone outside their Jeffersonville apartment.

JEFFERSONVILLE — When **Angie Satterly** thinks about her future, she imagines a high school diploma in hand and a job working with children with special needs.

But Satterly admits that she has the habit of putting those goals on the back burner. That’s because she has the hopes and dreams of others — her four kids — in mind. “I just want my kids happy,” Satterly said. “That’s it.”

Satterly and her children — **Kasey**, 18, **Anthony**, 14, **Blaze**, 12, and **Skylar**, 5 — live in a two bedroom apartment in Jeffersonville. The boys share one bedroom and the girls share another, while Satterly takes the couch.

The same room she sleeps in is the heart of the home, where the family gathers to watch their favorite guilty pleasure. One day last week when the family sat down with the News and Tribune, jokes and laughter rang through the room. The family has seen tough times, but they stick together.

Satterly works part-time at a local restaurant and said she lives paycheck to paycheck. A degenerative disc disease prevents her from working more than three or four days a week, she said. And just a couple of weeks ago, she was hospitalized for stomach ulcers.

“If I try to work over three, four days a week, I’m bedridden the other days that I’m off,” she said. “So it’s not worth putting myself through the pain when I can’t be functioning for them.”

Recently, the transmission in Satterly’s car broke down, and she’s had to borrow cars from friends as she can. Transportation has been a big issue since she has to get some of the kids to the

bus stop and shuttle others to school if they miss the bus. She also has to be able to get to work and doctors' appointments.

Friends and family, including the children's dad, help out, but Satterly said she needs more support. Her 12 year old son, Blaze, has Autism and needs special care, and Satterly has a hard time finding people to babysit when needed.

New Hope Services Inc., a social services agency for families, has made a big difference for Satterly and her family. She said her case manager, **Nicole O'Keefe**, has helped teach her how to better care for her kids, especially Blaze. And when Satterly has a particularly tough day, she knows she can call O'Keefe and vent.

"If it wasn't for her, I probably would have done lost my mind," she said. "[New Hope] has made a thousand times difference. It's helped me out a lot; it's helped my kids out. It's helped all of us."

Satterly said giving her children a happy Christmas would mean the world to her. She hopes to have gifts under the tree Christmas morning and to see the smiles on her kids' faces, especially the little one. Most years, she can only afford a few gifts and has to wait until tax time in April to get more. Two of the children have birthdays within a week of Christmas Day.

"I've always found a way to pull something out, but my vehicle broke down, [then] this happened and this happened," she said. "Now, I just want my kids to have a good Christmas."

Satterly's oldest daughter, 18-year-old Kasey, who's a junior in high school, said she doesn't need a lot of gifts. She'd rather her brothers and sister get what they want. It's the kind of selflessness she's seen from her mom. "She's taught me a lot," Kasey said. "It's hard because we've struggled a lot, but it hasn't been as bad as it could be. It could be a lot worse." But with a little help, Satterly is hoping this year could be a lot better.

"It would be — just to see their faces light up would just make my life a thousand times better," she said. "My truck could be broke down, totaled and in the river, and seeing their faces wake up smiling would make everything go away."

## **HOW TO HELP**

The best way to assist families is with a financial donation with which items will be purchased. With each of the profiles of five families being featured Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 in the News and Tribune and at [www.newsandtribune.com](http://www.newsandtribune.com) will be a list of items needed.

Donations can be dropped off at **New Hope, 1302 Wall St., Jeffersonville.**

Checks can be mailed to New Hope to that address.

Call 8122884304 or email [patricia\\_kitehannon@newhopeservices.org](mailto:patricia_kitehannon@newhopeservices.org) with questions.

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## **FAMILY NEEDS**

- Full-sized bed and bedding
- Cleaning supplies (rags, bleach, Brillo pads, OxiClean)
- Bath towels
- Area rug
- Laundry soap and dryer sheets
- Dish soap
- Over-the-door shoe holder
- Garbage bags
- Silverware
- Black curtains
- Bathroom rugs
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Light bulbs
- Two small lamps
- Pots and pans
- Bathroom caddy

## **FAMILY WANTS**

### **ANGELA**

- Dry erase board
- Air fresheners/candles
- Gas cards
- Auto repairs
- Hair supplies

### **ANTHONY (14)**

- Skateboard, helmet, knee pads
- Laptop

### **BLAZE (12)**

- Brushes
- Hair ties, bobby pins
- Straightener

- Stunt bike (larger frame)
- Roller skates, helmet, knee pads
- Large tablet

### **KASEY (18)**

- UK sports
- Nail polish
- iTunes gift card
- Hair accessories

### **SKYLAR (5)**

- Barbies
- Roller skates, helmet, knee pads
- Nail polish
- Hair bows and accessories
- Minnie and Mickey Mouse
- Movies: "Home," "Despicable Me"
- Tablet
- Easy Bake Oven
- Coloring books
- Arts supplies



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