

How does a person thank someone for a life changing gift? How does a person not become so overwhelmed by the enormity of it all and try to get back to a “normal” life? When my family and I left Ellen’s show in January, I kept asking myself “what did we do to deserve such an awesome gift?” My wife Susie and I have grown numb with the question, so much so that we’ve had to put that question aside and came up with another equally daunting one; “How do we pay this gift forward?”

As I told everyone on the night after the reveal, I could thank everyone 1,000 times a day for 1,000 years and it still would not be enough. This house that you built for us is beyond our wildest imaginations. It’s so beautiful. It’s nice for us to be able to have our family over without having to worry about there being enough room for everyone.

We’ve been in the house for a little more than a month now and it still feels like we are on vacation. We still see people driving by, getting a glimpse of the house. It’s like we’re celebrities.

I must tell you that Alyssa Hall was a God send. She was in constant contact with us, either texting or calling. She’s the type of person that once you meet her, you are happy that they are a part of your life. Alyssa answered all of our silly questions, quieted our fears, and was there when we needed her. I feel so fortunate to have had her in our lives.

I will say that at first I was a little apprehensive about the house being built with Off-Site Modular Construction. But then I visited USModular’s website and after talking to Abe Ferreira one of the Principals at USModular, I felt more at ease. It’s crazy how this house turned out. The house is very open on the inside without losing that warm homey feeling. It’s like you can get lost in the house but don’t mind because it feels like home (I don’t know if I’m really making sense here). The hardwood floors, the windows, the counter tops, are all so much more than we could have wished for. On the outside, they built a porch to die for.

Brick accents and a tiled base blend into the landscaping that they did. And to top it off they put in a garage window that overlooks a waterfall/fountain and the wonderful array of flowers and trees. To give you an idea of their attention to detail, when our old house was demolished, one of the foremen found a ring that I had lost. The ring was given to me by my commander after I graduated from the Air Force leadership school and has sentimental value. I can't begin to tell you how happy we are with this house.

My wife and I have always been involved with our community. However we feel that this is not enough, so we will be donating some of our time and energy to a local food bank as a way of giving back. Please let everyone know that you have changed all of our lives and we will always have you and yours in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Marcus Conway and family