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# Buya Table, Save a Life

# Kevin Bothwell, Special-T's Procurement Manager

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# Giving Back, One Rescued Dog at a Time





Kevin understands second chances and has found a way to give back by fostering dogs and getting them ready for forever homes by crate, potty, and leash training them. Kevin says: "We show them the love most of them have never had." Their commitment to each dog lasts about three months, and some stay with the Bothwells a bit longer.

## Times of Struggle, Times of Change

"Before working for Special-T, my life was very different. I struggled with drug and alcohol addiction for over ten years. Due to opiate abuse, I quickly dropped out of college and could not hold down any job. I finally hit rock bottom and was compelled to a ten-month residential treatment center in West Georgia. During the process, I experienced a dramatic lifestyle improvement. Finally, I was clean, confident, and ready to begin the next season of my life.

I had been sober for almost a year but did not know how to continue living a sober lifestyle outside of treatment. So, with no former employment opportunities to fall back on, I took a position in the warehouse at a furniture manufacturer called Special-T after learning about their mission to help men in recovery. I knew that I needed a job, but I didn't realize I would find a new work family.

## Walking a Rewarding New Path

After working in the warehouse, I gradually moved into a management role and eventually was promoted to Customer Service Specialist. My recovery has contributed to one blessing after another - I met my soulmate, Carolina, we've been married almost three years, and we bought our first home. Also, we're passionate about fostering dogs until they're ready for new families, just like I needed when I came out of treatment.

Special-T gave me a second chance, and they continue to provide me with opportunities to grow. I was recently promoted to Procurement Manager and am very excited to be on this journey with Special-T and continue to grow personally and professionally."



Kevin and Carolina, with their extended family enjoying a day at the beach

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