

# our phase III families

## Meet Osman and Fatouma



Twenty-five years ago, I left my home country of Somalia for new opportunities here in Canada. Since then, one of the hardest challenges I faced was trying to get a regular mortgage and own a house for my family to call home. Currently, I work as a project officer for the government of Canada. My wife (Fatouma) and I have seven beautiful children. Each of them have many talents and interests, but I have to say their biggest passion is Karate. All we want is for our kids to have the best opportunities life can offer.

Our current living situation is not ideal. We live in a cramped home with hardly enough space for our children to play and get exercise. We spend what feels like a fortune on rent, heat and electricity. Our neighborhood is also very unsafe. I worry every day about the well-being of my family. A family should feel safe in their home. I look forward to owning a Habitat home so I can provide my family with that feeling of comfort and stability.

I first heard about this opportunity through friends. They knew how much my family was struggling and suggested we look into Habitat for Humanity. It is true what people say about the amazing chance this organization provides for those in the community who need it. Thanks to Habitat's help my children will grow up in a positive environment and will have better chances in succeeding in life. I am forever grateful for this chance to work towards owning our very own home, because it has forever changed our lives.