

our phase III families

Meet Rachid and Siham



In 2006, I left my home in Morocco for a new life in Canada. Some of the hardest challenges I had to face was starting a new life in a new country and finding financial security. I found it challenging to find a job that worked well for me. This made making my rent every month difficult.

In time, I was able to lock down a decent job and I began to start a family with my wife Siham. Together we have a daughter and two sons. Our eldest son Youssef is nine, our daughter Meryeh is five and our youngest, Mohammed-Amine is just five months. Currently, I work for the government as a salary management analyst. We live in a small apartment in downtown Ottawa. There is barely enough space for my family, let alone our newborn baby and all the things he needs. The downtown streets are busy and loud

and our neighborhood has a lot of violence. No child should have to call an area where shootings take place their home.

My kids love to run around and play. They have always enjoyed activities like soccer, basketball and swimming. It's important for them to have space to practice sports and improve their athletic skills. I want them to build relationships with their teammates and confidence in themselves. As a parent, you want your kid to grow up with the best opportunities and resources. Living in a proper home will benefit their success in this big world.

I first learned about Habitat for Humanity from a friend who shops at the ReStore. He saw an advertisement for the homeownership program and told me about it. I could not believe that this amazing opportunity had come my way. I quickly gathered my information and handed in an application. I am overjoyed with the chance to become a Habitat homeowner. This organization is allowing me to own a home that I thought I would never be able to provide for my family. My children will finally get the space and security they deserve. Purchasing this home through Habitat for Humanity will provide my family with many opportunities for a better life. Thank you Habitat for your support!