

# our Kemptville Korner families

## meet Mamadou and Aissatou



This year marks 13 years since we moved to Canada from Guinea. There were many happy childhood memories of our home country that we hold dear, but we knew we needed to move to have a better life. Immigrating to Canada changed our lives forever, and we had many positive experiences since living here – even though the Canadian winters took some getting used to!

While completing a college certificate, we both learned English and eventually I was able to obtain a position in the federal government. For years we worked hard to provide what we could for our three young children.

Our family enjoys the outdoors and we love going to parks, beaches and travelling when we can. However, we currently live in an apartment in an unsafe neighbourhood. The kids complain about how they want to go outside and run around but that they don't feel safe doing so. Despite all

the work we've put into providing a good life for our children, there did not seem to be a way we could give the children a nice home in a good community.

We first heard about Habitat for Humanity through a friend. The more we thought about it, it became clear that this program would provide the opportunity to become more independent and have the kids feel more comfortable in their surroundings.

Becoming a Habitat homeowner means a decent and better life. It means our children will feel safe and that we'll have more control over our finances instead of our money going towards rent, which we won't be able to recuperate. Most of all this opportunity means that after living in Canada for 13 years, we will finally feel at home.