

our Kemptville Korner families

meet Mirza & Misha



Up until four years ago, our family lived in Pakistan. We decided to move as we felt we could not provide the safety, opportunity and education needed for our children. We are a close-knit family who enjoy spending time together visiting museums and other historic places as well as parks. We also spend a lot of time watching movies and playing board games.

While we are glad we came to Canada, we were faced with many challenges – the main one being finding a place to live. As newcomers, it was difficult to find a place to rent while also trying to find a steady job and getting our kids settled into school. Our current place is an old apartment with irreparable damages, lots of noise, theft, and frequent rodent and bug infestations. Along with these issues the increasing rent and bills take half our monthly income.

Many of our previous apartments were like this and as such, we've lived in four rentals in the last four years. I don't want our kids to roam around any longer, worrying if they are going to have to pack up in another year. They need certainty and stability and that is something Habitat for Humanity can provide for us. The organization is truly one of a kind. In this day and age, owning a house can feel like a wild goose chase. We are so thankful that we are given this opportunity to own a home and feel a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Now, we are looking forward to not only becoming homeowners but also becoming Canadian Citizens as our application was recently accepted! Our kids look forward to having a place they can call their own where they will have the freedom to pursue their interests and passions in sports like basketball, tennis and swimming. We can build equity and finally invest in saving for our children's futures, setting them on the path to becoming responsible citizens and contributing community members.