

our phase III families

Meet Assumani and Safie



Our current home is certainly a busy place! We are made up of a myself (Assumani), my wife (Safie), our four daughters (Zainahu, Jamillah, Zaharah, Tatumah), our new baby boy and my two nieces (Zamybu and lalifah). Our girls range from ages 3 to 22 years old. They delight in a wide range of interests from sports, music, and arts, which is natural for young girls.

We came to Canada separately over a period of 13 years. Starting with Assumani in 2004 and ending when all our

daughters joined us in 2017. We're originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Life was difficult as the war left our people in despair and there was a lot of violent crimes. I, was a victim of these crimes with the murder of my parents. The people lived in constant fear of horrible crimes being committed against them. We dreamed of coming to Canada for a life free of fear.

I was recommended to apply to the Habitat Greater Ottawa homeownership program from a friend who had been greatly helped by Habitat for Humanity in the past. I was curious so I sent an application myself. I will never forget the relief and excitement that washed over me when I read that our application had been approved.

We are forever grateful to our friends at Habitat Greater Ottawa. The team has become like family to us. I never could have imagined purchasing a house for our family. We are very proud and thankful that we get to raise our family in our new home.