

## future homeowners

## Ariel, Suleyka & Children

Ariel & Suleyka could not be more excited about becoming homeowners! They say that without the opportunity that Habitat CFC offers, they may not have ever been able to achieve this dream for themselves and their four children.

"Being allowed this opportunity will change my entire family's lives. It will give my wife and I peace of mind knowing that our children will have a safe home to come home to. It will allow our children to experience things that my wife and I were not able to experience, living in a home owned by our parents."

Ariel shares that he's also looking forward to the stability of homeownership. "Owning our own home will allow us to further expand our ability to be financially responsible. Doing so will also allow us to reap the benefits of investing into our home instead of paying rent and it only meaning we continue to have a roof over our heads."

The family has not only completed their sweat equity hours, but has continued to volunteer on the construction site well after their required hours were completed. They believe strongly in paying it forward and helping more families access the opportunity to "When I think about living in our home, I imagine mornings sitting on the balcony, enjoying my coffee, watching the cars go by, listening to the birds. I love that – just that sense of peace. Tranquility."

build their dream. They shared, "It was an amazing experience for our family. Being able to help others all while helping ourselves was very emotional for us. We were able to meet amazing people. It was an awesome feeling to be able to contribute to not only our home being built but for other families home as well."

Both parents agree that having a stable place to call home will give their children the foundation they need to thrive. They are proud of each of their children's interests and skills and are excited to see where their educations and careers will lead them. Ariel says, "My children's goals vary from being a scientist, a veterinarian and a graphic designers. My eldest children are very interested in technology and coding. My youngest children are interested in everything from playing video games to doing outdoor activities."

Ariel and Suleyka moved their family out of public housing out of concern for their children's safety. They now live with family – sharing space with a sister and mother in-law, but space is tight.

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