



future homeowners

Mwela, Jacques Kalala and Daughter

Future homeowners Jacques and Mwela have worked diligently through the Habitat CFC homeownership program to achieve their dream to move their three-year-old daughter, Esther, into a new and safe home. Their current situation involves paying high rent for an outdated apartment where many quality of life and safety issues need to be resolved or repaired -- but remain neglected by their current landlord.

Mwela said, "We know the importance of owning a house because the apartment we live in now has bad conditions and poor management by the landlord. We have issues like leaks in the bathroom, kitchen and ceiling, as well as a poor heating system which results in a high gas bill."

When asked how he feels homeownership will change things for his family, Jacques says it will bring, "stability, safety, and will allow us to financially to move on to achieve other goals for our family."

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At least one in six Connecticut households spends over half of their income on housing. The number of Fairfield County families who are struggling to afford rent is on the rise.

Through the process of completing their equity hours and working with Habitat CFC staff and volunteers, Jacques said, "It always was a great experience, fun, and learning to work with others, the passion, the love we all put to build."

About what it will mean to him and his family, Jacques says "It means a lot of joy knowing we will have a place we can call home. With inflation, things become hard financially. It will change our lives by bringing stability, a place we will grow as a family and raise our children."



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