Khasro & Ginar

Khasro & Ginar immigrate to the United States in 2015 from Iraq through Turkey for a better life for their family. They do everything in life for their four children: sons, Mohammed, 8; Adam, 7; and daughters, Nor, 3; and Huda, 2. Participating in the Habitat Homebuyer Program is a chance for them to change the lives of their children.

Khasro, Ginar and their four children rent a cramped small, two-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment. The children share a room which doesn't lead to privacy for the boys or girls. The space is tight and only one bed fits; the other children sleep on the floor. The apartment isn't big enough for a kitchen table for the family to eat meals together or have a place for the kids to do their homework. There is no yard area or park nearby for the kids to play. Mohammed, the oldest son, is constantly dribbling a basketball in the kitchen; dreaming of the chance to play hoops with his dad at their own home. The family does not receive any housing assistance and it's hard to find a larger place to live on their income.

Khasro works for Home Depot and loves to help people. He takes pride in his work; you can see it in the customer service pins he has received that he wears on his work apron. If you've been to the south side Home Depot- you probably know him! Both him and his wife, Ginar are happy, positive and hardworking people. And they instill the same values into their children.

Once selected for the Homebuyer Program, they both jumped in on their sweat equity volunteer hours at Habitat ReStore, providing lunch for the construction crew (Ginar is an amazing cook) and volunteering on the build site. In fact, ReStore and construction fight over Khasro's volunteer hours! Whenever you see them they are always smiling and offering to help. They are looking forward to carrying this forward as new neighbors when they start building on their Habitat home.

They are thankful for the opportunity to build a better life for their children. Through shelter, we empower.