Homebuyer Profile



Derson & Fatima

Derson and Fatima and their three children live in a small 2-bedroom apartment. The parents are in one bedroom and the children, daughter, Tsabeeh (12) and sons, Youssif (10) and Ibrahim (5) share the second one. Derson doesn't like that his daughter shares a room with her brothers and really wants her to have her own space.



When you first enter the apartment, you can smell the damp, mustiness of water. Water is a huge issue in this basement apartment. There is extensive mold in the bathroom which is a breathing hazard for the children. There is leaking from the apartment above into their kitchen, there are water marks from previous leaks and the ceiling is sagging.

Safety is another concern. There is exposed wiring in the bathroom. There are no smoke alarms installed. The windows have plastic on them and are taped closed.

The home is neat and tidy, but they battle cockroaches and bugs.

Derson was the first person to pick up a 2019 homebuyer application AND was the first person to turn one in. When asked about his motivation he said he is doing this for his family, for his children, for his daughter; she deserves space of her own to grow up.