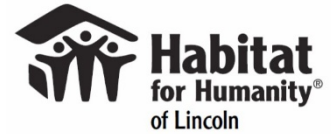


Homebuyer Profile



Peter & Awel

Peter, Awel and their three children live in a rental in the old Air Base Housing in Air Park. Their children, daughters Nyacan (16) and Amira (2) and son Nigel (5) share a 3-bedroom home that is not conducive to their day-to-day needs.

In 2003, Awel was in labor and given an epidural to help with labor pains. Unfortunately, the injection left her paralyzed from the waist down. She had a spinal cord injury and was told she would never walk again. But she had a family to take care of and in 2005 she started to use a walker. But her home is not ADA accessible and it is hard for her to get around using her walker.



Although Awel can get around with her walker, she falls several times a year breaking bones or twisting her ankles. She must be in a wheelchair for a few weeks to recoup. However, her home has no wheelchair ramp. The laundry room is downstairs meaning the children bring it upstairs for her to finish, the bathroom has no grab bars, so she relies on her husband for help, the hallways and entryways into rooms are not wide-enough for a wheelchair so she is forced to rely on others.

On top of this major health concern the home is drafty and has air coming in through the doors and windows and mold growing in the bathroom. This is not a healthy home for Awel and her family.

It is difficult for Awel to rely on her children and husband to simple things around the house and day-to-day personal tasks.

With Habitat, Awel and Peter will build a stable, affordable home that brings strength and self-reliance to their family.