



The Sengorore & Murekatete Family



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It makes me happy to see everyone work together. I like to be part of it.

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Isaac, Nathalie, and their eldest son Hirwa are frequently seen on the build site putting in quality sweat equity hours. Isaac works hard to overcome his disability from a childhood case of polio, pounding nails and laying sod with the best of them. He enjoys the camaraderie of the build site, and meeting everyone who serves the Habitat mission.

With the contributions of all three family members, they've knocked out half their sweat equity hours before even starting to build their own home. "I appreciate the skills I'm learning on the build site," says Isaac. "They will help me maintain my own home." They're especially looking forward to having a home of their own because their family of five lives in a crowded three-bedroom apartment, along with Isaac's nephew.

After fleeing the war torn Democratic Republic of Congo to a refugee camp in Nairobi, Kenya, and finally arriving in Cedar Rapids in 2015, they've always looked forward to having a place they could call their own. "Having your own home is freedom. We want to be able to welcome guests, and give the kids a place to play and grow."