



Mohamed and Insaf's Family

Mohamed, Insaf and their children Nazik, Mohamed, Malaz, and Almotasim Bellah.

Mohamed and Insaf were both born and raised in the Sudan. They met in a refugee camp in Libya. Insaf had two children, Nazik, a daughter, who is a writer, and Mohamed, a son, who plays basketball and soccer. They welcomed two more children while in Libya, a daughter, Malaz, who plays the guitar, and a son, Almotasim Bellah, who likes playing soccer.

The oldest of six children, Mohamed felt the weight of "big responsibilities at a young age," but family has never been a burden to him. Bringing their children to the United States to provide them with the opportunity of a better future is the reason they are eager to become homeowners.

He first heard about Habitat for Humanity of Omaha from a close friend and decided owning a house would give them more certainty of providing for the children's future because as homeowners they'll build equity and have more opportunity to save.

Their dreams and hopes for the future of their family are what motivates them to work hard, and to keep working hard, to find the time to complete the 8 classes all future homeowners are required to take and most importantly, to complete 350 sweat equity hours. It's not always easy to find the time, but Mohamed and Insaf have always worked long hours.

They both appreciate the value of learning so many different skills during sweat equity and plan to use them to keep their home well maintained and to teach them to their children, enabling them to share the pride of ownership with them.

The family enjoys cooking and eating together, laughing and sharing the events of their lives.

Habitat Omaha Homeownership

Families purchase homes through affordable Habitat for Humanity of Omaha loans, making monthly mortgage payments for 20-30 years. Before closing, they contribute up to 350 hours of sweat equity working on Habitat Omaha construction sites. Soon-to-be homeowners also attend a variety of workshops to help prepare them for successful homeownership. At closing they make a modest \$500 down payment.

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