

## The Harun Family Profile



Maryan Harun (pictured here with Alan Convery from home donor TD Bank Financial Group) had just finished her law studies at Gahayr Univerisity in her home country of Somalia when civil war broke out. This caused many families, including Maryan's, to flee to the Kenyan border to escape the violence. With support from her family, Maryan was able to travel from Kenya to New York and finally made her way to Canada. Maryan came to Toronto in 1993 with her two youngest children who were then just babies and her eldest child followed her a year later.

The Harun family now lives in a west Toronto neighbourhood that has suffered through street shootings and other criminal activities. She first applied to become a partner family with Habitat for Humanity Toronto because wanted to improve her family's living accommodation, but couldn't afford a higher rent.

Maryan and her children had not volunteered in the community very much before getting involved with Habitat Toronto. The whole family has greatly enjoyed their sweat equity responsibilities and believe they will continue to volunteer for Habitat Toronto in the future.

With a new attitude and a bright future ahead of her, Maryan and her three daughters are looking forward to everything that being a Habitat partner family has to offer. Maryan is very thankful for all that Habitat for Humanity Toronto has done for her family and says "I will never forget the experience."