

## Mathabela Family Profile



With five sons ranging from toddlers to teenagers, Thulisile Mathabela runs a full household. Her boys make a point of keeping their small apartment tidy and welcoming. "Although there are too many of us living under one roof, we work together to keep a clean and friendly atmosphere," Thulisile says.

The family regularly leaves their substandard apartment to play soccer and basketball. She admits that before Habitat Toronto, life often felt hopeless. Living in a cramped apartment in need of repair and working long hours to support her family, Thulisile couldn't fathom how she could make life better for her sons. Happily, the state of her household changed when she was approved for a Habitat home.

"I believe a healthy home is a vital ingredient in pursuing a meaningful life," she says. "Purchasing a new Habitat Toronto home will determine how we make life decisions. It will shape our attitudes, awareness and self-esteem." As Thulisile looks towards the future, she is filled with hope about her children's new house and their new life. "For me, 'home' means having a happy life, a healthy spirit and a happy family. As a parent, I pray that my kids achieve their dreams and become good citizens who will contribute to society."