

## The Moreno Family



It was a good morning when Robyn Moreno tuned into a Habitat dedication ceremony on television. Habitat partner families were celebrating the completion of their new Habitat homes with staff, volunteers and donors. The families' happiness and pride were in stark contrast to how Robyn was feeling about the home she shared with her husband and their four children Mya, Michael, Mykela, and Mikhail (pictured here).

"Our place was old and falling apart. There were mice and ants everywhere, and because the foundation was shifting, the walls and ceilings were cracked." When it rained, the basement of the house would flood and black mould would sprout on the floor and walls. "We love partnering with Habitat Toronto," Robyn says. "My husband, Michael, and I can give our kids a healthy home with more space to play."

Once the Moreno family is welcomed into their new Habitat home with a dedication ceremony of their own, the years of fleeing bad apartments and dangerous neighbours will finally end. "Our kids plan on celebrating our move-in by eating popsicles and ice cream," Robyn says. "I think I'll be in shock. At last we'll have a home that's safe, healthy and our very own."