

Sebit & Annonciata 223 Perry Street

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Sebit and Annonciata's new home will surely be filled with an abundance of laughter and love. They say their seven children make them very proud and are very helpful. The children are even how Sebit and Annonciata learned about Lexington Habitat! The youngest five, Zedekiah (17), Alice (13), Naomi (11), Janet (9) and Safari (6) will live with them. Their adult children, Samuel (22) and Irankunda (20), now live on their own but look forward to visiting.

Originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, this family was forced to flee to Uganda due to war. Five years ago, they came to Lexington with the help of UNHCR (The UN Refugee Agency). "We went through so much. For a long time, there was no peace. No sleep. Just the sound of gunshots. Our greatest challenge was living in a refugee camp," said Sebit. "Now, we are so happy. We can't wait to have a good life in this home and be safe from harm."

While they are glad to be in Lexington, their current apartment is overcrowded. Some of the children must live with their uncle in the apartment across the hall. When they move into their Lexington Habitat home, it will be the first time they've lived in a place that meets their needs, where they can all be together.

Annonciata works as a dish washer and Sebit works in custodial services. Even though they take pride in working hard and prioritize living within their means so they can save money, it still wasn't enough. "We could not buy a house outright. We felt like we had no power. We needed help but we had no leadership to get the things we needed. But not anymore. We love this program."

When not working, the family most enjoys attending church. They say church gives them a chance to meet others and to learn. Annonciata also enjoys cooking and preparing food with others.

This family is not shy when it comes to showing their gratitude. "To all those who will be working on and raising money for our house, thank you very much. We pray that God blesses you and that you can continue doing the work that you are doing. It means a lot to us to have shelter." They say the first thing they will do when they move in is celebrate and dance and drink soda."



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