

## Program

- Welcome and Introductions.....George Mulligan, Director of Development  
*DuPage Habitat for Humanity*
- Opening Prayer.....Jill Kruckenberg, Community Engagement Leader  
*Thrivent Financial*
- Hymn.....Cathy and Mike Sanders, Habitat Supporters  
*DuPage Habitat for Humanity*
- A Word from our Faith Build Partner.....Jill Kruckenberg, Community Engagement  
Leader, *Thrivent Financial*
- Word from our Community Partner.....Honorable Mayor Rod Craig  
*Village of Hanover Park*
- House Blessing.....Issa Hussein, Imam  
*Islamic Center of the Quad Cities*
- Presentation of Basket and Quilt.....Dan Harrington, Sponsor, Advocate & Friend  
*DuPage Habitat for Humanity*
- Presentation of the Keys.....Jack Sahr, Construction Site Supervisor  
*DuPage Habitat for Humanity*
- A Word from the Family.....Hassani & Rugia, Future Homeowners  
*DuPage Habitat for Humanity*
- Ribbon Cutting, Closing and Welcome to the Open House.....David Neary,  
Executive Director, *DuPage Habitat for Humanity*



### **Meet Hassani & Rugia**

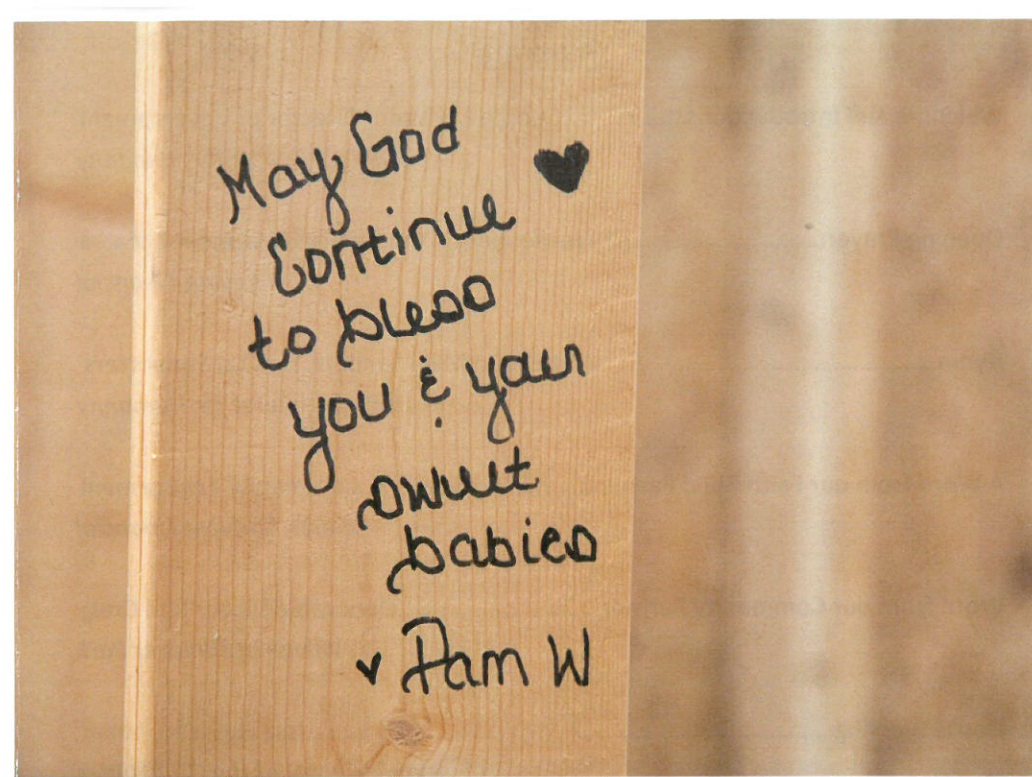
“Our family immigrated from Somalia to America in search of a better life and we have been residents of Illinois since 2006. Part of making that better life for ourselves included becoming US Citizens. My husband does his best to provide for our family. Our kids mean the world to us and there is nothing that we wouldn’t do for them.

We have been renters since immigrating to the United States and we are ready and are looking forward to having the space that our family desperately needs. With seven people living in a three bedroom apartment our family is cramped. While we’ve been able to make do in the past our growing children need space, safety and stability. Aside from space being an issue, the

homeowner's program because we have been longing for space that will allow my family to move around freely without feeling crowded and will afford our growing children the privacy that they need. We would like for my kids to grow up in a house that they would love so that they can call it home.

We know that working alongside volunteers to build my own home will be a great experience and it's not only the adults that are excited. Our children will finally have the space that they always needed to be happy. We will finally get the luxury of playing in a backyard instead of having to drive to a park or a leisure space all the time. We will finally rest from having to wait for leasing officers to provide some maintenance issues, rather this time I can provide my own services in my home. Lastly, I simply will be happy to just have a place that I can call HOME because that means more to me than anything in the world for my family."

Pictured: From left, front row: Ibrahim age 1, Madina age 8, Ismail age 4. Back row: Hamadi age 12, Rugia age 32, Hassani age 38, Aweys age 11



## Faith Build Home Dedication

Saturday, February 22 | Hanover Park, IL



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