

SEKOU DIARRA & AMINANTA KOUROMA

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Sekou and Aminanta immigrated to the United States from Mauritania. In Mauritania, Sekou worked as a agronomist for the government and held a degree in Science of Agriculture, Master of Science (Agronomist). The family decided to move with their two children, Kadiatou Diarra, a daughter, age 15, and their son, Cheikh Aziz Diarra, age 8, to the United States. They wanted to provide the opportunity for their two children to get a better education in the United States. Sekou said he is also planning on going back to school and Aminanta has already completed culinary school.

Sekou and Aminanta said they have already met many wonderful people since moving to the United States and wanted to say a special thank-you to Brad and Debbie Drayton, the two volunteers from Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity, that interviewed them after they applied.

Sekou and Aminanta said that moving to the United States has been the best decision their family has made as both of them, and their two children, will now have more educational and employment opportunities.

Sekou said, "This house is for us, our family. Right now, if we keep paying our rent of

\$475.00 each month, even for the next 100 years, it would still never be our home. In our apartment complex, people come and go at all hours, loiter outside our door smoking and make us feel unsafe in our own home. Now for less money than we currently pay for rent, our son will finally have his own bedroom and no longer have to use the living room, we will be in charge of who comes to our home and we won't have to feel scared to come and go from our home freely. My wife and I are ready to work on our home every Saturday, attend classes and do whatever it takes to build our home. We are very excited and want to thank everyone who has made this dream a possibility for our family. We will be the best partners with Habitat and can't wait to start building our home and meet the volunteers.



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