

Hassan & Hajar's story

"It's a Nice Feeling to Build Your Own Home with Your Own Hands"

Good schools and a safe community allow these homeowners to dream big for their children's future

"We came here for a new job, a new life," Hassan says, bundled up against the wind as he and his wife Hajar are telling their story in a park near the Pioneer Valley Habitat office. "You just need to work hard in the US to reach your goals." And work hard is what Hassan and his wife

Hajar have been doing for years as they have gone to school, worked and begun to raise a family.

And now they have added to their To Do list, putting the sweat equity time in to build their Habitat home. Hassan, whose field of expertise is HVAC says, "my goal is to work for myself, so working with Habitat to build my house is a great opportunity to learn, to add to my resume."

The couple is happy to have been chosen as the future homeowners of a house in Pelham, a community that holds much appeal for them. They cite good schools and a safe community as important. "The future of my children is important to me," says Hajar.



Hassan states "it's a nice feeling to build your own home with your own hands. It is a great thing to tell your children." While their younger son may not have too many opinions yet about his future home, their daughter is thinking ahead to her new house too... her future treehouse, a house right-sized for her eight-year-old dreams.