

Homeowner Profile

Parents: Aslan & Eljifa

Children: Daughters: Maryam (2006), Sumaya (2010), Halima (2014), and Zainab (2018)



Aslan and Eljifa hail from Kosovo, a region marked by its tumultuous history. Aslan's journey to Canada has been shaped by his experiences as a young soldier and the subsequent turmoil in his homeland. At the age of 19, he served in the Serbian army during a period defined by conflict and uncertainty. In 1999 he moved from Serbia to Bosnia and Herzegovina and was again conscripted. Seeking refuge from the chaos, Aslan made the courageous decision to flee to Canada in 2002.

In 2005, Aslan returned to Kosovo and married Eljifa. Together, they faced the challenges of displacement and discrimination, grappling with their identity in a fractured

society. In 2006, Eljifa joined Aslan in Canada, embarking on a new chapter of their lives together.

Despite the trials they've endured, Aslan and Eljifa have created a loving family with their four daughters. Aslan has been employed with Fort Garry Fire Trucks Ltd. since 2013 and works tirelessly to provide for his family. Eljifa, a devoted stay-at-home mom, manages the bustling schedules of their children, ensuring they thrive despite the obstacles they face.

The family's current living situation presents significant challenges as they are exposed to mold, exacerbating the asthma and allergies of family members and jeopardizing their health and well-being. Recognizing the urgent need for stable, healthy housing, it was Maryam's doctor who recommended exploring Habitat Manitoba's homeownership program.

Despite completing their required 500 sweat equity hours, Aslan continues to dedicate his time and energy to helping construct not only his own home but also those of his future neighbours. Aslan and Eljifa understand firsthand the transformative impact of stable housing and are committed to building a brighter, healthier future for their children.

With the help from Habitat Manitoba and the Spirit of Hope Cycling event, Aslan and Eljifa will purchase their first home on the Pandora Ave. West development. They eagerly anticipate the day they will call their house home.

Congratulations Aslan, Eljifa, and your children on this exciting new chapter!