

Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg Family Bio: Caroline D.

Caroline is originally from Liberia, Africa and when civil war broke out in 1990 she escaped with her family to Guinea where she spent 14 years in a refugee camp. Her husband was killed during the unrest in Guinea.



Determined to keep all six of her children under one roof and within a strong family unit, Caroline has repeatedly applied for public housing but was rejected so long as her two eldest children lived with her and work part-time.

She has an AMAZING desire to keep her children together as a family until they marry and move off on their own. She thinks she feels this way as a result of her experiences in the refugee camp.



To keep her family of seven together, and in a safe neighbourhood, she is currently paying very high rent for a poorly maintained four bedroom home in St. Boniface. Caroline is employed as a health care aide would like to further her education and become a nurse. Her children have career goals that include: doctor, social worker, pastor, and a fashion designer.

During July a weeklong Blitz Build was held on Minto Street and Caroline and her three oldest children eagerly worked on their new home alongside volunteers and sponsors. During one break Caroline was overheard thanking a group of

volunteers for their time and hard work as well as sharing with them how much the home would mean to her family.

“This home is a blessing from God,” she said. “I will be able to afford to keep my family together and to help the kids go to university. My prayers for my family have been answered.”