



## HABITAT HOMEOWNERS

Kedar and Laxmi have two children, 21 and 17. Kedar works at Covidien (Medtronic) in Boulder as an assembler and Laxmi works at the University of Colorado Boulder. The children also attend CU Boulder. The family of four lives in CU Family Housing in a two-bedroom apartment; their son sleeps in the living room. With such inadequate space for their needs, they had been looking for a better place to live, but the lack of affordable rentals made a change impossible.

Before the 2013 flood, the family lived in an apartment off of Table Mesa in Boulder. For two weeks after the flood, they lived in their damaged apartment without lights, gas or hot water. And the already-tight affordable rental market shrank to virtually no available inventory in the wake of the flood. Thankfully, they were finally able to move into their current apartment at CU, though it is inadequate for their needs.

When Kedar and Laxmi were trying to find a new apartment, a friend told them about Flatirons Habitat for Humanity and they went through the application process. When they received the call from our Family Services Committee saying they were selected for one of the houses, the family was very excited! The dream of being homeowners, which they barely imagined could come true, would soon be realized.

Being in partnership with Habitat, the family has learned that if they work together, they can have a better place to live and a stronger future.