

# A NEW PLACE TO CALL HOME

## **“FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER HAS BEEN A BRIDGE TO BRING ME TO THE LIGHT.” - MULISHO GODSON**

Mulisho Godson has faced and overcome odds most people only read about in history books or see reported on the evening news.

After fleeing the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo and living in a Namibian refugee camp for twelve years, Mulisho decided he wanted to find a peaceful place to call home in America. The US Office of Refugee Resettlement identified Greensboro as his Refugee City and Mulisho made the move in 2015.

After arriving, Mulisho got married, had two children, and quickly found himself facing an entirely new set of odds - landing a job that paid a living wage and finding affordable housing. For many people it is hard to find support. It can be even harder to identify what it takes to become financially stable.

That's where United Way's Family Success Centers step in. In one location, the local centers offer bundled services that focus on employment, education, financial skills, health and wellness and basic needs.

In just seven months at one of United Way's Family Success Centers, Mulisho learned what it took to build a credit score and purchased his first car. Thanks to his positive credit score, he qualified for the City of Greensboro's down payment assistance program and recently purchased his first home.

Thanks to his coach and peers at Family Success Center, Mulisho is now working to obtain a college business degree and he can't wait to pay it forward.

“Family Success Center has been a bridge to bring me to the light. I now have another new place to call home. I hope one day to be able to give to United Way to ensure their Family Success Centers are able to help others in the future.”



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