

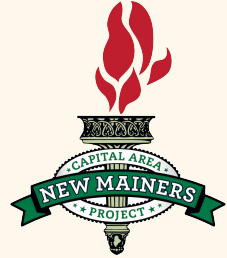
FINANCIAL STABILITY

CAPITAL AREA NEW MAINERS PROJECT

The Al Hoshan family arrived in Augusta in November 2019.

Originally from Syria, the family is composed of two parents and seven children ranging in age from 4 to 18,

including a special needs child. Unable to find or afford appropriate housing, they squeezed into a two-bedroom apartment on Sand Hill. Through the Better Housing Program, CANMP established a partnership with South Parish Congregational Church to rent the church parsonage at below-market rates to the Al Hoshan family. CANMP helped renovate the home and co-signed the lease that allowed the Al Hoshans to move into their new home in November 2020.



Since then, the family has flourished. The children have thrived at Farrington Elementary and Cony Middle/High School. The eldest daughter, Nada, graduated from Cony and earned CANMP's Kennebec New Mainer Scholarship. She used the funds to pursue higher education at the University of Maine Augusta, where she is studying cybersecurity and earned the Diversity Scholarship. Family members participate in various extra-curricular activities, including programs at the Buker Center and the YMCA, and have become contributing members of the community.

The Al Hoshans pay a rate that is roughly 55% of market rate, giving the family the financial stability and peace of mind to be able to pursue education, find employment, and save money to buy a home of their own one day.