

## The Sinato Family



Lorena Sinato is a single mother with a simple dream – to provide her son Bryan, who is blind and suffers from Cerebral Palsy, the best life possible. Working hard to provide for her son, she admits that her family's life has been an up-hill battle. Bryan requires a lot of extra care, using a special walker to help with mobility and surgically inserted tubes so he can be fed.

Originally from Argentina, Lorena has called Canada her home since 2002. Being a single mother of a son living with disabilities has its challenges, but for Lorena, those challenges are exacerbated by substandard

living conditions. "Living in a high-rise building is a daily struggle for Bryan and me" explains Lorena. "Bryan requires extra space for his equipment to help him live a full life. When the elevators are not working – as is often the case in our building – we have to carry him up 6 flights of stairs."

Lorena was thrilled to be approved for a Habitat for Humanity Toronto home. "I am going to be able to give Bryan a real home with all the space he deserves." Lorena and Bryan will be moving into their new home on Ritchie Avenue, a charming tree-lined street in Toronto's west-end.

When asked what "home" means for her, Lorena replied "For most, home is the place where you have freedom, is the most special place, where you can just relax or invite your family or friends. For me, it also has special meaning, because is the place I can give comfort and happiness to my son."