



2009 End of Year Report

As a completely volunteer-run non-profit, Bryan House is truly a community effort and your donations have a tremendous & direct impact on many more families than just the five families living at Bryan House. This past year has been a very busy, productive (and costly) year. The down economy has hit many refugee families especially hard, but in partnership with World Relief, **your donations have helped us assist over 100 refugees (30+ families).**

Thanks to everyone who attended our recent silent auction, which raised a record \$19,000. But unfortunately we've still only raised \$76,000 for the year—while nearly \$90,000 has been expended to maintain Bryan House and provide a variety of other forms of assistance (outlined below).

Will you consider a year-end tax-deductible gift to help us close this gap?

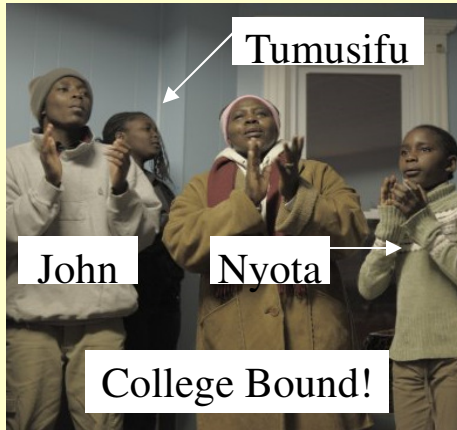


FAMILY UPDATES

Just this month, the first family to move into Bryan House finished their 18-month stay. After adopting their 3 orphaned nieces & nephew, Ketsia & Moses elected to use their savings to start college trust funds so the kids (from the Democratic Republic of Congo) who were in a refugee camp less than 18 months ago, can be assured of being able to attend college & have the hope of a brighter future!

HIGHLIGHTS: In 2009 you helped us:

- Prevent more than 20 refugee families from being evicted (\$12,000+)
- Reunite 10 refugees w/ their families (\$16,000)
- \$20,000 in College Scholarships; and
- Completed major renovations of the Bryan House building (new roof, garden, finished ramp & more—\$18,000)



More Family Updates on the Back!

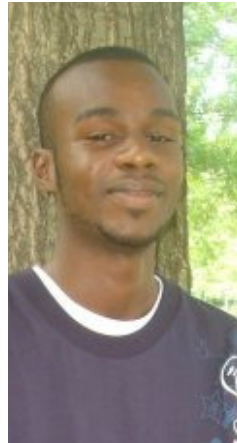
Bryan HOUSE Family Updates



Iraqi family puts offer on First House in America!

Imaad & Maysoon have put an offer on what could be their first house in the U.S. after just 9 months at Bryan House. With current market conditions, their mortgage would be less than their current rent making their total housing payments barely more than what they're paying now! The House (at left) is located in Aurora, IL. We're so proud of how hard this family has worked & how well the kids are doing in school—this house is much deserved!

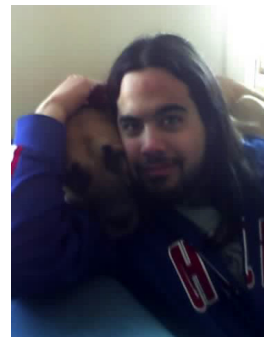
College Scholarships



In July, Sada Diallo (left) was the first to leave Bryan House after being accepted to Ohio State Univ. Sada saved \$5,000 of his own money (in 10 months) & received a \$2,000 match grant from the Government. Afito Vonwagbe (right) moved in the next month and has already saved \$2,000. Both Sada & Afito worked their own way through their assoc. degrees & are now seeking B.A.'s!



Remembering Bryan 3 years Later



There's a quote from an email we found from Bryan, in which he expresses his interest in urban housing issues & how he always hoped to be someone who would "change the world" even though he admitted he hadn't "done much to contribute yet." The quote is etched in a stone at Bryan House to remind us of how this is a joint effort; lives are being changed & how it wouldn't be possible without Bryan & how his continued presence spurs us on to what we otherwise could not do without him.