## **Stimulating Economic Mobility**

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## Realizing An American Dream

Johnson Bam moved to the United States with his wife and children from Ghana six years ago, and the family soon outgrew their Chicago rental apartment. With three kids, he wondered if he could become a homeowner in their new country. Johnson set out to learn everything he could about the homebuying process. Using **Better Money** Habits<sup>®</sup> financial educational resources – which are offered online and through nonprofit partners like Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago – Johnson was able to budget and save up for a down payment and, once a homeowner, manage his new expenses. Through the additional support of his loan officer, who guided him through the process, the Bam family now has a place to call their own.



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-Brian Moynihan, Chief Executive Officer, Bank of America



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