

# NO-BURN® TREATS QUEENS HOME FOR *EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION*

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Winston Peter, a Hindu priest, and his wife Hardai left their homeland of Guyana in 1996 and struggled long and hard to make a new home for their family in America. Once in the United States, they sent for their children in 2000 and also gave birth to a new baby girl that year. They also took in a niece and nephew so they could get better schooling. And, in 2003, they opened their hearts again to taking a 15-year-old boy who was struggling in life and in school. They were on their way to achieving the American dream in Jamaica, NY when tragedy struck. In December of 2004, their tri-level colonial house burst into flames, depriving them not only of their home but all their possessions. Penniless and without other recourse, the Peters were forced to move back into their burned out house.

Due to insurance issues, after six months of living in another residence, they were forced to move back into the burnt out home. They had no heat or hot water and very little electricity. They cooked on a makeshift propane stove and boiled water when they needed to bathe. Everyone in the family pitched in to make the home the best they could by covering broken windows with plastic and concealing fire damage with drywall, but severe depression and asthma have deeply affected some members of the family. Winston feels as though he's let his family down, as he cannot provide them with a proper home. But as a priest he doesn't make enough money to repair or replace his house. Yet, the family still stays together, still singing, making music, and praying.



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