

# Russ & Kaylee

## Tranquility and convenience at Sequoia

— By Susan M Boyce —

Russ and Kaylee will always remember December 2011. Why that specific month and that specific year? Because it was the first time they celebrated Christmas as homeowners.

On Dec. 10, the couple and their four children – ranging from six years to just over a year old – moved into a brand new townhome at Sequoia in Surrey. Almost three months later, they're still discovering new things to love about it.

"We knew a townhouse would be a great stepping stone to move us out of the rental market," Russ says. "At first we thought we'd only be able to afford a resale, and we probably looked at more than 50 of them. Then we realized that for \$20,000 less than a five-year-old townhouse just down the street, we could have a brand new home with a full warranty. Yes, this is a bit smaller than the older units, but it's so well designed you really don't notice the difference. And for us, moving from 1,150 square feet to 1,336 was incredible."

### MAKING IT PERSONAL

"Buying new gave us a clean slate to furnish the way we like," Kaylee says, adding that two of her favourite features are the laminate flooring and the polished chrome, gooseneck kitchen faucet. "The whole look is very clean, fresh and modern – which is definitely us."

She also appreciates the interconnectivity of a centrally located kitchen rather than the more traditional configuration with the kitchen at one end. "Having all the living, dining and cooking spaces flow together allows me to be with the kids even when I'm making dinner. There's no wasted space in this floorplan."



Everyone in the family gets involved in a game of hockey

With summer coming, Russ says he's looking forward to enjoying barbecues in the backyard, but he's already delighted by Sequoia's relaxed, country setting. "Where we lived before, all we could hear were sirens and airplanes. Now, I actually hear birds in the morning. And it's amazing, but it only takes me 10 minutes longer to get to work in Vancouver than it did when we were in Richmond because the traffic there is so congested."

### FAMILY FRIENDLY LIFESTYLE

"This neighbourhood is so laid back and friendly – people all seem so genuinely interested in talking to you," Kaylee says enthusiastically. "For example, last weekend there was a game of street hockey going on just down the road. And it wasn't just kids, there were adults out there, too. We have quite a mix here, and it's so exciting to go out and meet all these wonderful new people."

**Sequoia is found at 61st Ave. and 148th St. in Surrey. For more information visit [sequoialiving.ca](http://sequoialiving.ca) or call 604.575.7366.**