Meet the Nguyen Family! This family is high energy and ready to get settled in Voltage Valley. Liam and Julia have been happily married for 25 years and have two children, Christine and Lyle. The family had to re-home their cat and dog after Lyle developed severe allergies and now their pets include fish, hermit crabs, and a turtle.

Julia teaches computer technology at the local community college and drives into the city every day. She spends her day at the college in classes and helping the school robotics club. To spend more time at home with the family, Julia offers virtual office hours for her students and communicated with them via video chat. Liam decided to quit his job as a commercial fisherman when he and Julia had children. He homeschools the children and generally takes care of everything around the house. He is working on writing a book in his spare time.

Lyle is sixteen and is starting to think about applying to colleges. He attends additional tutoring sessions two times a week to supplement his homeschooling and to prepare for taking Advanced Placement exams. Lyle is on a highly competitive club soccer team. The team practices three times a week and he has games every Saturday. He also travels to tournaments once a month.

Christine is thirteen and she also plays sports. Her current favorite is softball and she has either practice or a game every day. Christine also pays the piano and her homeschool schedule allows her time to practice every day. She has lessons once a week and plays in competitions every month. Piano is a very important part of Christine’s life so their new home must have room for the family’s grand piano.

Liam would really like to have more space for the kid’s activities. Lyle would benefit from room outside to practice his soccer skills because he’s trying to get a college scholarship. Having school at home can makes their dining room cluttered and Liam struggles to keep everything organized. Julia also needs privacy when she’s having office hours with her students.

The family is excited about the move but anxious about the distance they may have to live from the city. Both kids are very busy and Liam and Julia want to be present for as many of their activities as they can. Their anxiety is offset, however, by the opportunity to live in a community that runs on renewable energy.