

I bought my home on Hope Street in North Philadelphia in October of 2015. Buying a house was the biggest decision of my life, and almost three years, (and a lot of hard work) later—I maintain that it is the best choice I have ever made. I moved to Kensington after years of alcohol and drug addiction landed me in a situation where I had no money, no housing, and ironically, no *hope*. I got sober in a recovery house on Kensington Avenue & Cornwall, and spent several years building up my resources. In 2014, friends of mine bought a house in Fishtown through the PHFA MCC loan and told me that the entire process was great—educational, helpful, and even fairly easy. Starting with their guidance, I met many wonderful people through the PHFA workshops and customer service teams. I love my home and I love my block—just as much as I love the city of Philadelphia. Every day when I turn the corner and pull up to my place after work, I thank the housing Gods that I was lucky enough to get hooked up with PHFA and accomplish my dream of owning a home.

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