

Getting the chance to own our own home as a result of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency has been a wonderful opportunity for my family. We went from living in a small 2 bedroom apartment in Brooklyn to a 2 story row house in South Philadelphia. Even after a year and a half, I still feel so grateful to do laundry in my own basement! Our home has plenty of room for my son to run around (and keep a million toys) and for my husband to play music in the basement. We also love having our own little slice of outdoor space with our back patio- it's the perfect place to drink a cup of coffee in the morning on a nice day. We are just a block and a half from the subway and we can walk to a playground, the library, and coffee shops and restaurants. It really is the best of city living.

Not only did we buy a home in South Philadelphia, but we also bought into a community. Our neighbors have embraced us and made our transition from New York to Philly a whole lot easier. Our block feels like a big family- everyone is always looking out for each other. I feel very lucky that my son is getting to grow up here.

Without the first time home buyers program through PHFA we would not have been able to buy our home and join this special community. Thank you very much.

Michelle, Philadelphia

