

My fiancé and I lived in a tiny apartment for three years before we started looking for a house. It was frustrating not having enough space for our hobbies (his: working on cars and mine: DIY projects/baking). It was inspiring to see PHFA's programs that could help us afford our first home.

The homebuying process can be daunting and seem unobtainable, but after much research and attending a first-time homebuyers seminar, we realized it was possible, even with my student loan obligations!

Jake knew our house was "the one" when we first saw it – something about the two-car, two-story garage 😊😊 I loved the hardwood floors and could see potential in the kitchen where I knew I'd be spending a lot of time. Since the two years that we've lived here, we've done lots of painting and projects, including transforming our kitchen counters with spray paint, installing a workbench and numerous oil changes/huge automotive projects. We've also adopted the sweetest cat Holly and became engaged on our back porch this past fall! Becoming a homeowner has given us a huge sense of pride and freedom to be able to do the things we love in a place we call home.

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