

I will celebrate 8 Years in my “New House” on May 1<sup>st</sup> and am thankful to PHFA for helping me purchase my first home. My brother lives one street over and found my home while out running. He called and said, “You have to buy this house. It is perfect for you and your dogs!” At the time I was renting and did not have a fenced-in yard. Now I can just open the kitchen door and the dogs have an entire yard to play in!

I was a first-time homebuyer and had a hard time finding a traditional mortgage. Just days before my closing the mortgage company said there was a problem with my paperwork and I couldn’t buy the house. I was devastated. PHFA stepped in and gave me a chance.

Not only do I love my first home, but it has brought my brother and me closer together. Just last week he helped redo my kitchen countertop. After two trips to the local hardware store, a lot of measuring, and 9 hours we installed the new counter!

Summer, Pittsburgh

