



GHA's Family Self Sufficiency and Homeownership Programs

Ms. Bost and her three children moved into Greensboro Housing Authority's (GHA's) Hickory Trails public housing community in December 2005. A single mother, Ms. Bost wanted more for herself and her children.

After hearing about GHA's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, Ms. Bost made an appointment and met with an FSS case manager in 2009 to find out how the program could work for her family. Ms. Bost was employed at the time with LabCorp in Greensboro. Her goals were clearly defined in her FSS Contract of Participation to bring Ms. Bost to self sufficiency and included improve education, improve employment and complete homeownership.

Ms. Bost enrolled at Guilford Technical Community College in 2009 and completed administrative courses to further her education and to qualify for better employment. In 2011, Ms. Bost gained employment with North State Communications which increased her salary. Though her rent increase was based on her higher salary, a portion of the increased rent was placed in an interest-bearing escrow account. Families enrolled in the FSS program may receive a portion of the escrow during the term of their contract when certain goals are fulfilled. When a family fulfills all of their obligations under the contract, they can receive all the funds in the escrow account.



Ledia Bost (center) with Stormi Burns, FSS Case Manager, and Tammy Burkwald, Homeownership Coordinator

With goals one and two complete, Ms. Bost focused her energy towards preparing for homeownership by participating in GHA's Homeownership program beginning in 2013. Working with GHA's Housing Counselor, Ms. Bost set new homeownership goals, set a budget to reach her goals, worked at improving her credit, and attended financial classes.

In December 2016, Ms. Bost received an escrow amount of \$21,469.12 to assist with her home purchase. She is now a proud homeowner, is truly self sufficient, and no longer receives a housing subsidy.

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