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how our
homes help

empowerment
through shelter

in 2019, we distributed a survey to our homeowners.

Here's what they had to say about what having an affordable home has done for them.



family

Out of applicable respondents, **89%** said their children's overall performance in school increased since becoming a homeowner.

"The stability of having a home certainly helped my children do better in school. The school system here is great, and provided a lot of support to my daughters. Also the reduction of my stress, as a single parent now being able to make ends meet, also allowed me to be a better parent to them. I was able to keep a consistent schedule and routine in our home, help with homework and studying and supporting them in their extra-curriculum activities."

"I saw changes in my Daughter she was open to talking more she was available for more dinners so we would sit and talk even if it was just for five minutes she joined a lot of clubs and was very active in extracurricular activities"

40% of respondent homeowners report that they have furthered their own education since becoming a homeowner.



quality of life

70% of respondent homeowners report a reduction in daily stress levels. Such homeowners said things like:

"Becoming a homeowner relieved the worry and stress of being able to afford rent as a single parent. The consistent and affordable monthly payments were a huge piece of mind."

"I am not constantly hearing neighbors fighting at night and needing to look out the window wondering who is leaving in an ambulance that day. Since my mortgage remains the same I also don't need to worry about my rent possibly going up and if I will be able to afford it"

"Being a home owner provided a sense of stability and security that gave me an overwhelming sense of peace and confidence. The decrease in my stress level allowed me to make positive changes in my health and lifestyle, become a stronger and more supportive parent, and gave me a higher self esteem and confidence to face life and its challenges."

90% of respondent homeowners report an improvement in their family's overall well being since becoming a homeowner, saying things like *"Stress levels were reduced in everyone, we were able to relax and enjoy not only our home but also each other."* with homeowners showing love for their home and community.

80% of homeowners report having a strong sense of pride in their home, with one homeowner saying, *"Being a homeowner is definitely a source of pride in my life and I am lucky to be a homeowner in a wonderful town. I feel owning a home is like having an anchor that keeps life grounded and I have done my best to keep my home in good shape so it will continue to be a safe harbor for us to enjoy no matter what life brings our way."*



finances and income

70% of respondent homeowners said owning an affordable home has allowed them to better financially plan for their family's future, with **60%** of homeowners saying their current financial situation has improved since becoming a homeowner.

