



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PURCHASE OR RENTAL OF A NEW HOME.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE!

The Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey (AHPNJ) is a non-profit organization that strives to help the general public and elected officials understand why “Affordable Housing” is important and who actually benefits from it.

One of the best ways to do this is for people who utilized a program to share their stories and experiences. We believe this will help to continue and even expand these programs to assist even more people.

You can help by answering the following questions. AHPNJ will not disclose your individual information without your consent – you can indicate whether you want to participate or not by signing the appropriate line at the end of this survey.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Own Rent

Phone number(s) (H) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

E-mail _____

Where did you move from & what was it like:

Municipality Name/State: _____

Owned or Rented

Condition of unit: Poor Good Excellent

Other: (Please Explain)

Where did you move to and what is it like

Municipality Name/State: _____

Owned or Rented

Condition of unit: Poor Good Excellent

Other: (Please Explain)

1. Please give us some background about what your family situation was before you moved:

- Single Divorced Living with family
- Single parent struggling to pay high rent and still save money for down payment and closing costs
- Did not track income and expenses
- Had to reduce my hours worked or salary due to company cutbacks or a new lower paying job
- Paying market rent and unable to meet all of my living expenses,
- Other: (Please Explain)

2. Please explain how you were able to buy or rent a home:

- Who did you work with to help you get into the home: a city a housing authority
 a non-profit agency Other: (Please Explain)

- I received the following financial assistance: Grants Matching funds
 Deferred Payment Loan Other: (Please Explain)

- These funds were used for:
 Downpayment assistance Closing Costs Mortgage buydown
 Moving expenses Utility assistance Repairs Other: (Please Explain)

3. How did you hear about the program: Colleague Work Newspaper Ad
 Housing Resource Center Government Agency Faith-based Organization
 Other: (Please Explain)

4. What are some advantages of living there (e.g. I was able to move out of a crowded situation, my kids can now attend better schools, I worked with a counselor who helped me save money to buy my first home)

5. What type of work do you do? How long have you done it? Where is your place of work located? Has moving helped you be closer to your job, get a better job, etc.?

6. Please add anything more that you would like to say about why your move has made a positive impact on your life.

7. Please list any negatives of this entire experience, if any.

Consent for sharing this information- I agree that the Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey may publish my story or share it with others without compensation to me, and may for promotional purposes, edit its text for clarification purposes only.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please check this box if you are willing to be contacted by newspaper, radio, or television reporters who are interested in talking to people living in affordable housing (optional, but it helps everyone to be able to share positive stories about who benefits from affordable housing). Of course, we will always notify you in advance of the media contacting you.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact:

Barbara Walsh, AHPNJ Executive Director, ahpnjed@comcast.net or 609-310-6070.

We thank you for sharing your story and hope that it will benefit others seeking affordable housing.

Please return this survey to:

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