

Tisha, Portland  
State House District 42  
State Senate District 21

Home purchase IDA opened in 2018

"As a single mother of two young kids, I was exhausted in having to move so much due to having landlords that would find ways around the rental rules to raise the rent or ask us to move out so they could charge more in rent for the next person. My goals were to have stabilize housing for my family by owning a home.

Now we just bought our first home, in the neighborhood we have been renting in since 2018. We chose this neighborhood as we have community that lives here and we have continued to develop and deepen community here. It was such a relief to know that my kids won't have to change schools or make new friends too. Also we found a creative way for the kids to kind of have their own spaces in a shared room that has an attached little office, so they have more space and independence/privacy than before. This means a lot to them.

To have stable housing is something that I cannot put into words. To know that we will live here a long time, can rest in that and put roots down, garden again and more -feels so good. With the Portland Housing Center I learned about my relationship with budgeting, money and more. This helped me to not only save for a house but be better prepared for emergencies, special circumstances and such."

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