



Moving To Work

A SUCCESS STORY

MTW PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Provides incentives to families to become economically self-sufficient.
- Increases housing choices for low-income families.
- Allows for administrative flexibility, reducing program costs.
- Allows the Housing Authority to serve more families by providing housing assistance for six years.
- Encourages and supports families to establish savings accounts when income increases.
- Provides access to service providers through partnerships with educational services, job training, employment referral agencies and financial institutions.
- Encourages families to save by allowing families to spend a maximum of 40% of their income toward housing costs.



Below is a thank you letter from a recent graduate of the Housing Authority's Moving-to-Work program. The mother began the program with an annual salary of \$13,245; upon completion, her annual salary was \$46,340. As her salary increased, so did her savings.

The money she saved, in the amount of \$20,765, helped her purchase her first home.

To the Housing Authority,

"I have been with the program for 6 years. I would just like to thank you for all your help. I would like you to know what this program has done for my children and me. When I first started the program, I was living in a room and on welfare with my daughter, who was 6 at the time, and my 4 year-old son. They are now 13 and 10. At the time, I had just left my husband and wasn't sure what was going to happen to us....

My kids and I would not be where we are today if it weren't for your help. I was able to set goals for myself and accomplish them. Because of the housing program, I was able to provide a home for my children, purchase 2 vehicles, and save money for our future. Being a single parent is hard, but thank to all of you, I am no longer afraid to stand on my own. This program changed our lives. We will be forever grateful to you all."

Sincerely,

**The S. Family
December 28, 2007**



Another Success!

Above: Ms. Centeno was able to save \$22,921 as a participant of the MTW Program.

Below: Our friendly Housing Authority MTW Staff: Isabel, Danielle, and Judy



Although the MTW Program is currently not accepting additional participants, please visit our website to find out more information about all of our programs at:

www.smchousing.org