

TONDRA MANGRUM

STONEYBROOK TOWNHOMES, WILMINGTON DE

Tondra's Story

Tondra Mangrum's new house has a "wonderful backyard" of its very own. It also has three bedrooms, perfect for her and her two children who still live at home, not to mention two and a half bathrooms. The Wilmington, Delaware community Eastlake was recently rehabilitated by the federal Hope VI program, which converts deteriorating public housing into mixed-income neighborhoods. But the best part?

This home will be truly hers. **For the first time, Tondra is about to become a homeowner – and she has the Section 8 program to thank.**

For the past eleven years Tondra and her four children lived in Stoneybrook Townhomes, a Section 8 family housing community in Claymont, DE. The affordable rent allowed Tondra to live on her own for the first time, but Section 8 opened other doors, as well such as Head Start.

Most importantly, however, the affordable rent at Tondra's housing community gave her the chance to save money for the down- payment on her new home.

Tondra is grateful for the opportunities the program gave her. One of her children is now a certified nurse, another is a musician, and her two youngest are in high school and preparing for college. Her company is proud of what she has achieved as well. **And her own house, with its wonderful backyard, is calling her home.**



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“Section 8 is to get you on your feet, other people living under Section 8 should take advantage of it to build a better life for their family.”