

Louisville Metro Housing Authority Marks Milestone with 500th Homeownership Closing

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The Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) celebrated a major milestone Wednesday with the 500th home purchase completed through its Homeownership Program. This achievement marks a significant step in LMHA's mission to help low-income families transition from renting to homeownership, creating opportunities for financial independence and stability.



For Patrice Middlebrooks, a mother of two and a program participant, the journey to owning her home in the Chickasaw neighborhood began with uncertainty but ended with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

“I wanted to show my kids that you can better yourself. This is something I can leave you guys,” Middlebrooks shared. “I started generational wealth for my kids, so that was the most important thing.”

Her story reflects the program's purpose: empowering families to achieve long-term stability and build a foundation for future generations.

How the Program Works

LMHA's Homeownership Program was launched in 1997 and allows eligible Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing participants to use their housing subsidy toward mortgage payments instead of rent.

Before purchasing a home, participants complete a rigorous pre-purchase counseling process approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This counseling covers critical topics, including home maintenance, budgeting, credit improvement, and securing financing.

“This program demonstrates our commitment to equipping families with the tools they need to achieve sustainable homeownership,” said Elizabeth Strojan, Executive Director of LMHA. “We are incredibly proud to celebrate this milestone and to see the transformative impact it has on families in our community.”

National Recognition and Local Success

LMHA's Homeownership Program has grown significantly in recent years, now ranking as the fourth largest of its kind in the nation—trailing only Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York. To date, 503

homes have been purchased through the program, with 19 additional closings anticipated by the end of 2024.



The celebration of LMHA's 500th closing stands as a testament to the power of affordable housing initiatives and the transformative impact they have on families, neighborhoods, and communities across Louisville.

