

The Dycus Family

Sommer is mother to Devonte' (17), Shawn (9), and Mariyah (3). She works for Stratosphere Quality in Information Management. She attends Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church and enjoys attending church functions and reading. Her children's activities include riding bikes, swimming, and basketball.

My name is Sommer Dycus, I am a single parent of three beautiful wonderful children, which I strive every day to be a role model and hard worker for. I became pregnant in my last year of high school, I did however obtain a high school diploma. I've been on my own since I was 18 years old. I never relied on state funding to care for my son and I never received child support for my son. After several years with just my son and me, a gentleman entered our life and in the beginning there were plans of marriage and buying a home. We had two children and all the plans we had didn't materialize and was put off our lives and this left me with three children now. I struggled to care for us with the job I had at the time. With the help of my parents I was able to work a full and part time job to be able to pay our



What does homeownership mean for your family?

Homeownership mean I have my own space, kids can play in our own yard, own parking space. Owning my own means the world to me.

What goals will you set once in your new house?

Spend more time with my kids. Go back to school to make a better living for my kids and I.

What are you most looking forward to in your new home?

Having a garden, painting the rooms (decorating) Just being comfortable in our own space.

bills. Again no child support. I just refuse to have the kids feel the stress and frustration of robbing Peter to pay Paul meaning getting what they needed with a roof over their heads, food on the table, utilities paid, and clothes on their backs. I've changed jobs but have never quit until I had secured another one, with each job change I did make more money but the job sometimes required long hours and less time with my children, I can only say Thank you God for my wonderful mom she has been my number one supporter even though the jobs were earning me more money it has never afforded me the stability to become a homeowner.

I've never been evicted from any house or apartment that I've lived in but it always was a dream of mine to be a homeowner. I've prayed, I've tried to get it all figured out but the opportunity always escaped me. Now at this point in my life I am so ready to put the work in and sacrifice the things it take to become a homeowner. I want to show my children that hard work does pay off. I'm a fast learner so I am ready to learn home maintenance and budgeting. Even though I have no experience with construction related tasks I'm so ready to learn and improve myself. I'm also reliable and a dependable young woman who appreciates opportunities that will advance the kids and me to a better life. **This would be an adventure the kids and I will remember the rest of our lives.**