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This letter is written to inform you in the matter in which we received our house.

We are the Newell family, an African American family with three wonderful children. As a family of five we once lived in a two-bedroom apartment always longing for a house of our own.

Praying and seeking many avenues we heard about United Housing Program and began to see that this was the answer to our prayers. UHP helped us get a home without asking us for any money in return. UHP not only helped us get into our home; we were also able to get subsidies for our home in the amount of \$ 2000.00 dollars.

Allow me to explain our dream of having our own home. Being told many times by mortgage companies, realtors, and banks that we would never be able to have our own home almost lead us to believe that what they were saying was true. Because we wanted a home for our children, we wanted them to grow up in a nice neighborhood and empower them to have this same dream. We did not give up.

As I stated before with the help of UHP we are now living our dream and our children have a safe place to play and a place to call their own. Because we are so grateful for our new home we are currently very involved with UHP and our own community. My husband is the president of the Pleasant Grove Community, and he is on the committee of the neighborhood crime watch.

We have spent much time through volunteer work with the community before and now that we have been in our home. We have Christmas parties for our children and at these events there are much food and toys donated for this occasion. Our UHP children have a wonderful time at these events.

We thank God for us finding out about United Housing Program, they have helped us bring a dream into a reality.

Thank-you
The Newell Family

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