

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY NEWSLETTER

Family Self-Sufficiency Program Helps Clients Build Future



“Thank you for this program. You changed my life,” Moriya told Housing Assistance staff at the beginning of April when she was celebrating her graduation from our Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. A single mother of three, she started the FSS program in February, 2017.

As a Section 8 Voucher holder, Moriya was eligible to join FSS, a program in which participants commit to a plan of reaching goals to increase their income and financial stability. In return, they can receive incentives, such as an escrow savings program and a bonus for giving up their housing voucher to buy a house. For Moriya, who was a certified nursing assistant, it was a perfect fit.

Moriya has since earned her associate’s degree in nursing from Laboure College in Milton. She also received a competitive One Family Scholar grant, which is given to low-income single parents to further their education. Moriya is now working on her bachelor’s degree with the goal of one day becoming a family nurse practitioner.

Earlier in her life, Moriya found herself homeless, forced to enter a shelter. Her journey to self-sufficiency has been difficult, but her commitment to the program has paid off. She will use the more than \$14,000 she earned from the FSS program towards the purchase of her first home in Dennis.

“Even as an adult I maintained a diary and in it, I wrote down one of my dreams was to become a nurse and the other was to buy my own home,” she said. “Both of those came true. All I wanted and what was most important to me was becoming self-sufficient so I would be able to take care of my family.”



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Cromwell Court Apartments

168 Barnstable Rd, Hyannis

Breakfast: Mon, Wed, Fri, 8:15-9:00 AM

Lunch: Mon-Fri, 12:15-1:30 PM

A Baby Center

81 Willow St, Hyannis

Lunch: Mon-Thurs, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Village Green Apartments

767 Independence Dr, Hyannis

Lunch: Tues and Thurs, 1:00-1:30 PM

Cape Cod Family Resource Center

29 Bassett Ln, Hyannis

Lunch: Mon-Fri, 12:00-1:30 PM

East Falmouth Library (7/9-8/22)

310 E. Falmouth Hwy, East Falmouth

Lunch: Mon-Wed, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Sturgis Library

3090 Main St, Barnstable

Lunch: Thurs, 11:45 AM-1:15 PM

FREE FUN FRIDAYS

July 5

Cape Cod Maritime Museum

Edward Gorey House

Falmouth Museums on the Green

July 19

Cape Cod Children's Museum

Sandwich Glass Museum

July 26

Cape Cod Museum of Art

August 2

Chatham Shark Center

August 9

JFK Hyannis Museum

August 16

Provincetown Art Association and Museum

August 30

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History

HERE'S HOW LUCK FINDS YOU

Work harder than expected

Stay teachable

Give without expecting to get

Read and write more

Show up early

Focus on your customers

Develop good manners

Be humble

Be kind and generous

Surround yourself with
smarter people

Show gratitude



Desiree won a Habitat home and received a \$5,000 Homeownership Bonus for giving up her Section 8 Voucher.

Janice received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UMASS Dartmouth and Elenora received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lesley University.



LaKeisha, Peyton and Vanessa are the latest to enroll in the Family Self-Sufficiency program.