

# LHA Today

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## A dream come true

Nichole Little will start 2022 with a different view — as a homeowner — thanks to her recent participation in LHA’s Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and NeighborWorks’ Homeownership programs.

The FSS program kept Little motivated and gave her the extra support she needed during the busy times of raising her daughter.

“This is a great program to help you set goals and accomplish them,” said Little, noting it aided her with various things such as car repairs.

Through the program, Little especially appreciated learning about the income-based repayment plans for her student loans. She was able to put any extra funds toward day-to-day expenses and savings.

### What is the Family Self-Sufficiency program?

If you need help creating an emergency fund, paying off debt, becoming a homeowner or earning a degree, the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program can help you take steps toward your goals.

Typically, when you or someone in your household earns more money, rent goes up. That can make it difficult; but with FSS, your rent increase is deposited into a FSS savings account instead. Your savings gradually increases while you receive one-on-one support and coaching.

FSS is a voluntary, no-cost program that can last up to five years. You won’t lose your housing assistance by participating. Once you graduate, you can use your savings however you want.

For more information about FSS and to see a video explaining the program, newsletters and more, visit [L-housing.com/FamilySelfSufficiency.html](http://L-housing.com/FamilySelfSufficiency.html), or search “Lincoln Housing Authority Family Self Sufficiency” on Facebook.

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Nichole Little, center, sits with family in front of her new home.

