

## Before and After: MPHA Begins Improvements on Family Homes

MPHA is in the early stages of a far-reaching project to bring necessary improvements and renovations to preserve hundreds of single-family, duplex, and fourplex homes across the city. The process will unfold over many years as we unlock new federal funding. Here's a look at these renovations MPHA finished earlier this month: new kitchen cabinetry, fresh paint, updated light fixtures, and new flooring.



## MPHA's MTW Annual Plan: Learn and Comment

Each fall, MPHA files our Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Plan with HUD. 2021 will be another big year. With COVID-19, our annual plan process has gone virtual: head to our web site for a presentation on our priorities & intentions for 2021. On August 26, we have a public hearing to hear public comment on the Draft 2021 MTW Annual Plan. Find the details and read the draft at [MPHAOnline.org/MTW](https://MPHAOnline.org/MTW).

## A path to homeownership...through MPHA's Mobility Voucher Program

Monique once believed that she'd never be able to rent a house, much less own one. As a participant in MPHA's Mobility Voucher Program, that dream is coming true this month.

Since 2008, Monique had been on MPHA's waiting list for a Section 8 voucher. She was a single mother, continuing her education, working a part-time job, all while struggling to find affordable housing. Three years ago, she received an invitation from MPHA: Monique was a good candidate to obtain a voucher through our Mobility Voucher Program.



"I didn't think this was an option or that I would even qualify," Monique said. "That's when I found out that I could rent a house. An actual house!" Along with a Section 8 voucher, the Mobility Voucher Program provides a higher rent subsidy and lots of extra support for families who are employed (or training) and willing to move to areas of opportunity in the Twin Cities.

Rent was now affordable, giving Monique the chance to stabilize and plan. She was able to save, pay down her debt, and improve her credit—with a new goal in mind. **MPHA congratulates Monique, who is moving at the end of the August to the new house she just bought!**