



Patrevia Moore, 32, Fort Worth (housing)

I had my children pretty early. At that point, I didn't really have a good enough job in order to support three children. And being a single mom at that time, so what I did was apply for government assistance, food stamps, and then we moved into our first apartment in Fort Worth in 2009.

From there, it was kind of a struggle because I didn't have a car to get around. I was using strollers to walk them to daycare, if I had the money to the daycare at that time. At the time I had a townhome, and I had to give it up due to the fact that I did lose a job, and I had to move back in with my mom. It was just back and forth: finding jobs, losing jobs due to daycare, due to not having transportation, due to just lack of support.

It took about over the course of I believe two years due to the fact that I was repairing my credit, due to the fact that I had to get a sustainable job, which I did. I was working at John Peter Smith Hospital, so luckily and fortunately enough I stayed at that job for the time that they needed. It was hard and a lot of long days of paperwork, of "oh no this is not good enough" type talks. So it was long, a long press, very very long.

I'd say, in the next five years I wanted to pay off my mortgage actually. That's one of my goals; having no consumer debt, no car payment, no mortgage payment, and actually keeping that home that we're staying in and moving to into our actual dream home that I want to build for my retirement.

Just building a legacy with my children, that's what I see. It just looks bright from here.