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It Takes a Village to Secure a Home

Family puts down roots thanks to community partners

It really does take a village. Five organizations recently helped pave the way to home ownership for a Portland family.

Lisa Williams bought her first home affordably through Proud Ground and other housing partners. Now her monthly house payments are less than what she was paying in rent.

"It was meant to be," Williams said. "Proud Ground was the perfect fit for me and my desire for a home of my own that I could really afford."

Williams sees homeownership as bringing stability and independence to her family.

Her road to finding adequate housing began in 2007 when she was a student at Portland State University and she gave birth to her son. Needing a stable home, she was able to secure an affordable



Lisa Williams enjoys the yard of her new home with son Verondell and niece La'breah.

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Giving Back as School Returns

Members of the Portland Chapter of The Links donated school supplies and stuffed them into messenger bags for deserving kids during a recent public service project.

The bags were distributed at Rose-

mary Anderson High School, an alternative school in north Portland, on Wednesday, the first day of school.

The Links is a not-for-profit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life in our community.

Members of the Portland chapter of The Links and two of their children pack school supplies at Madison High School in northeast Portland for distribution to students at Rosemary Anderson High School, an alternative school in north Portland. Pictured (from left) are Sierra Ashley, Serena Ashley, Barbara Leonard, Denise Smith, Cameron Smith and Karis Stoudamire-Phillips.