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roll for the first time in his life.”

She said that her depression “feels like it’s gone” and she is no longer on disability.

“My new environment has motivated me to want something better for my kids and myself,” Oliver said. “I was able to find work as a patient home care technician and I’ve gone back to school, at Anne Arundel Community College, to become a drug and alcohol counselor. I chose this profession because I think that it is important to give back to communities that are less fortunate. This is what motivated me to join the board of the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership, the organization that is responsible for the Thompson voucher mobility program.

“My hope is that other families will have the same opportunities that I have been given to reach for a better life. I would like to say thank you to Secretary Donovan and everyone at HUD who worked to make the Thompson program possible.”

Michelle Green lives in Baltimore County. She said the Thompson settlement “may have saved my sons’ lives.” She has four boys. She lived with her oldest son in public housing in Lexington Terrace and many of her family members lived in the same neighborhood.

“My sister and I often worried about our sons,” she said. “We understood how difficult it is for decent boys who are trying to do the right thing to avoid violence in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, our fears were realized in the worst

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