

# OUR VOICES, OUR STORIES



Transforming Lives & Communities



Name: Sharlonda Partee

Age: 41

Occupation: Licensed Vocational Nurse, Interfaith Ministries

Housing Program: Public Housing

Short Term Goal: Become a Registered Nurse. Own a home health agency.

Long Term Goal: Continue to be a good mom.

I moved into public housing with my sister's children, 9-year-old and 13-year-old girls. My sister was not able to take care of her children at that point in her life, so I took them into my home. Living at Historic Oaks of Allen Parkway Village (HOAPV) was my first experience in public housing. I joined the Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program because I wanted to own a home. My goal expanded to include pursuing a career in the medical field. During my time at HOAPV, my father had open heart surgery, which was a very difficult time for my entire family. The experience was less stressful for us because of the great care that my father received from the staff at the hospital. I was impressed by the patience, professionalism and kindness that the nurses showed my father. I always enjoyed taking care of people, and my father's surgery confirmed that I should be a nurse. I completed a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) program, and now I am working towards completing an RN program. I enjoy my job, and I feel fulfilled knowing that what I am doing is impacting people's lives for the better. In 2010, I purchased a home and moved out of HOAPV. My nieces were no longer living with me at the time; however, I had my own children. It is great to be a homeowner and raise my children in a home rather than an apartment. My experience in public housing was pleasant. I met a lot of great people at HOAPV and the Housing Authority provided me with resources that helped me to reach my goals.