

## REAL STORIES, REAL IMPACT

### [City of Lakes Community Land Trust](#)

## “It’s Up to Me”: Sabrenia’s Story

Every Sunday for over a year, Sabrenia Young visited open houses, seeing how homes were built and decorated and getting a clear idea of what she wanted: a house in great condition; bedrooms for herself, her younger son (now 18), and her granddaughter; space to entertain; more than one bathroom; and a location close to Golden Valley, where she works as a transportation coordinator for General Mills.

In the course of all that home shopping, she ended up learning not only what she wanted, but also how to get it. After finding a flyer for the City of Lakes Community Land Trust, Sabrenia completed the program’s application process, secured a mortgage, and working with a realtor, choose a Land Trust home that was just right for her. The house, located in the Weber-Camden neighborhood, was the first home acquired by a Land Trust buyer through the organization’s partnership with Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation. It has everything Sabrenia was looking for, and her mortgage payments are significantly lower than what she was paying in rent at her last place.



“If it wasn’t for the Land Trust, I don’t think I would have gotten what I really wanted,” Sabrenia said. “I would have had to just choose a house because I could afford it.” “It’s just so nice to have your own. I understand about renting, because I’ve rented all my life. But it’s peace of mind to own it. I’m responsible for all this, and how this lasts and how this is upkeep. It’s up to me.”

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