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Truly Coming Home: Tereussell's Story

Tereussell's daughter was five and her son was just a month and a half old when yet another sleepless night in the family's previous home led her to decide that her children deserved better. "It got to a point, with the drive-by shootings and the other problems in our neighborhood, that I thought, we just can't do this anymore," she remembers.



The family moved to an apartment complex that had some of the same issues—so Tereussell was thrilled to learn last fall that her application for a home in CommonBond's brand-new Trails Edge Family Townhomes had been accepted.

The family moved into their new home two days before Thanksgiving, which was a truly heartfelt celebration (even though the dishes weren't unpacked yet). "I'm thankful that we have a safe place to live," Tereussell said, "and I don't have to worry about who's hanging on the corner."

Most of all, she's thankful that she and her kids, now 14 and 8, have truly come home. "When I leave work," she said, "I feel like I'm going home, not just to someplace where I lay my head. That means a lot."

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