

My name is Sheena Solomon. My husband Jason and I, along with our 4 children were blessed with a forever home from Na Hale O maui.

Jason works for the state and I work for the county. Before buying, we lived in a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home because that's all we could afford. When we initially started looking to buy, The places in our price range were extremely worn down and we needed much more money on top of buying to fix up the home to make it livable, or it was in an area that wasn't safe for our family, or the insurance made it unaffordable because it was in a flood zone.

Na hale o Maui was really the only way my family could afford to stay on island. Because of Na hale, my family is in a safe, forever home, that is affordable and still lets us maintain living, not just working to live. We have a special needs son, and the home we were chosen for is in a corner lot, and is safe for him to play outside, and we've built a support system, in a community with stability. That's what buying homes in a community offers. This program keeps homes affordable for locals, and the home will always be affordable.

Na hale needs to be supported. What they provided to my family is much more than a house. It's the place I raised my children, the place I'll watch my grandchildren grow, the place I'll retire from, the many family dinners, the place we've grieved together, and grew together. That's what homeownership does. The program is built on values and research, and should be accessible to more families, to keep the best part of Hawaii in Hawaii, the people.

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