

*Mavis:*

Originally, I tried to buy a house on my own but it didn't work out. I came to Hudson River Housing and started saving so that I could be successful the next time around. I spoke to the Director and she said, "You are not going to leave here until you get a house!" and what she told me came true! However, I didn't want to leave my sister behind, so I encouraged her to join the program as well.

*Oprah:*

At first when my sister told me about the program I wasn't really interested, but then I met a woman who had gotten a house through Hudson River Housing and she told me that, yes, the program really does work. It was hard for me to attend all of the counseling sessions because I work two jobs, but I did it. Buying a house in this country is different from our country, Nicaragua. There are a lot of things we don't know.

*Mavis:*

But now we have a home to call our own. The most important thing of all is that we have been able to stay together. Hudson River Housing made sure we stuck together because that is what we wanted. We look out for each other.

*Oprah:*

This has been a dream come true. If we can do it, anyone can do it.

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