# **Benefits of** HOME OWNERSHIP





### APPRECIATION

Home values have a well documented history of going up over time. This increase becomes equity you can benefit from when you refinance or sell.

#### **EDUCATION**

Research shows children of homeowners earn higher test scores and graduate at a higher percentage than those of renters.



Renting has often been compared to paying 100% interest, but when you own a home and a mortgage is in place, a portion of your payment goes toward the principal balance on your loan. This builds your equity and acts as a savings account.

### **HAPPINESS**

The feeling of owning your own home is unmatched. You can fix it up, make it your own, get a dog, or plant a tree if you sound exciting?

#### **ROOTS**

People who own rather than rent stay in the homes

opportunity to get to know your neighbors

## **TAX SAVINGS**

The government rewards homeowners by providing excellent other home-related expenses can generally be deducted from your







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