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Bridgeport resident uses the Homeownership Academy to purchase her first home

Bridgeport, CT, December 21, 2015 - Christmas came early this year as first-time home-buyer Micha Hylton-Robinson gets ready to move into her new home on Ogden Street in Bridgeport's East End.



The renovated East End property

A series of fortunate events brought Micha Hylton-Robinson and her new home together. Wells Fargo gifted the Ogden Street property to local non-profit Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust (BNT). BNT then completely renovated the property hiring Jon Q Construction LLC, a local minority contractor. Meanwhile, Micha Hylton-Robinson had just completed BNT's 8 Hour Pre-Purchase Homeownership Class offered through its Homeownership Academy service.

Confident, knowledgeable, and ready to own a home, Micha learned of BNT's newly listed Ogden Street property and immediately made an offer for her dream house.

"Micha came to BNT as the single head of the household ready to achieve the American Dream." said Beverly Hoppie, Homeownership Education Director, "In fact, Micha's current mortgage on this new

property is less or almost the same as she her previous rent. This is a client that had a plan, had a set of goals, and saw it through."

"I'm trying to live the American dream by helping my family. I want to thank Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust for the opportunity and Wells Fargo for helping me, my family, and dog Scooby." said Micha Hylton-Robinson.



From left to right: Beverly Hoppie, Tyler Fairbairn, Ed Thomas, Micha Hylton, Charles Stallworth

"We're happy that we can help make this dream happen, both for the new homeowner and for the City of Bridgeport," said Ed Thomas, Regional Sales Manager at Wells Fargo. "Helping people succeed financially and achieve the dream of homeownership is a wonderful feeling, and it's great that she will be able to spend the holidays in her new home."



BNT's Homeownership Academy offers free Pre-Purchase Education and Foreclosure Prevention services to residents throughout Connecticut. Anyone looking to achieve the American Dream like Micha can visit bntweb.org or call (203) 366-5033.

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About BNT

"BNT's mission is to LEAD, EMPOWER and CHANGE Bridgeport neighborhoods, improving quality of life through affordable housing opportunities. To meet this challenge, BNT develops and manages affordable housing, creates healthy homes with a focus on lead remediation and provides comprehensive homeownership education for low and moderate income families."