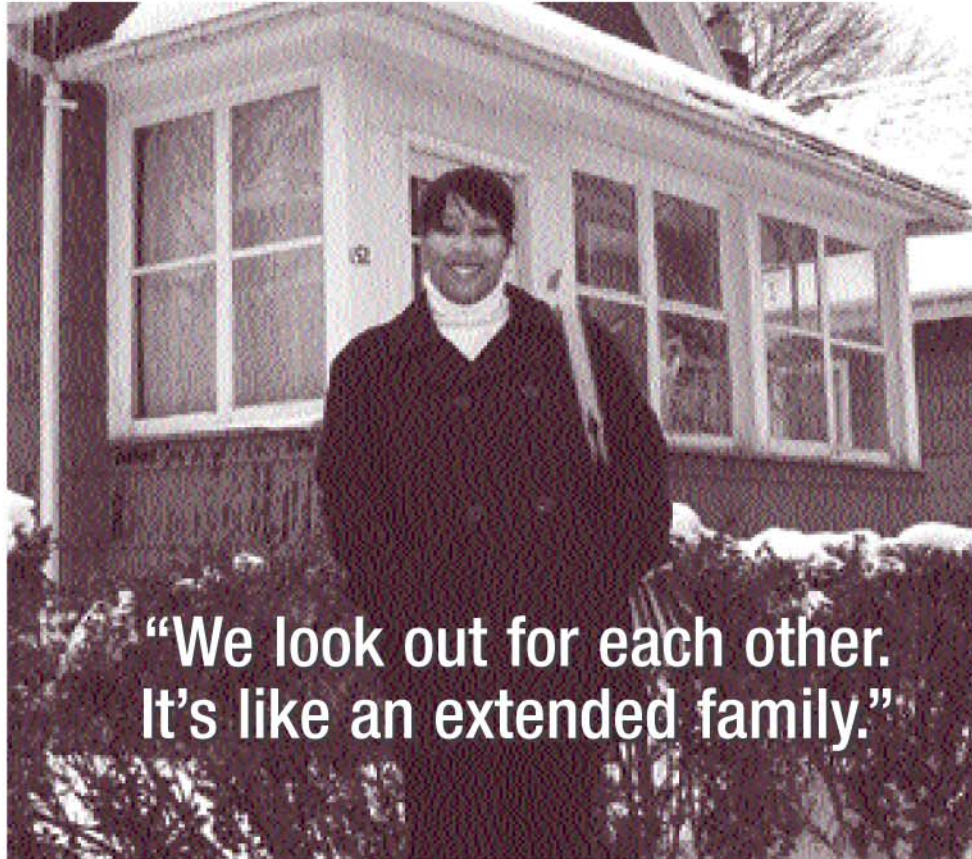


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**“We look out for each other.
It’s like an extended family.”**

Tangela Perry, a CPGR employee, currently lives in a house that is part of The Community Place’s Housing Opportunities for Sustainability and Transition (HOST) Program. She talks about her path to home ownership and her active role in improving her community.

Tell us about yourself and what you do here at The Community Place.

My name is Tangela Perry. I’m 40 years old. I’m a single mom. I started with Eastside Community Center [a former settlement house now part of The Community Place] as a volunteer and now I’ve been an employee here for 14 years. My title is Operations Specialist. I work mostly in the HOST Program with maintenance issues of our tenants.

Tell us a little about your children.

I have a boy and a girl. My daughter started here [in CPGR youth programs] when she was 10 or 11. She was active

in all the programs. Both my kids were. She went to Genesee Community College, and she works for the Red Cross as a phlebotomist. My son is now a manager at Popeye’s. He is what I want to call the “basketball star” at The Community Place.

How did your move into a HOST house come about?

The knowledge I got about the house came through my job. It was convenient for me because I worked in the neighborhood and I was commuting from across town. So when a house in this neighborhood that I was familiar with became

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