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Transforming Lives & Communities



Name: David Luu

Age: 26

Occupation: Customer Service Representative

Housing Program: Housing Choice Voucher Program

Short Term Goal: Gain a Masters Degree in Construction Management

Long Term Goal: A career as a Construction Manager

My family came to the United States as Vietnamese refugees when I was eight years old. When we arrived, no one in my family could speak English. My mother, father and I were living in a small apartment with other families. After a couple of months, my father got a job and moved the family into a one bedroom apartment. I appreciate the sacrifices and the long hours he worked to provide a home for us but unfortunately, his minimum wage job did not offer us the opportunity to move out of the one bedroom apartment. We heard about the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) through a family friend. We applied for the program and were accepted two years later. Being a participant in the HCVP program has allowed my family to be able to afford living in a bigger home and in a safer community. This program has helped my family a lot, especially my father who no longer has to deal with the huge financial burden of taking care of the family on his own. I attended elementary, middle and high school in Houston. I graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Design in May 2012. My family is very proud of my accomplishments. We are thankful for the assistance that we receive from the Houston Housing Authority.