DOING THIS ON HER OWN



IN TODAY'S ECONOMY...

In today's economy, it's not unusual for adult children to temporarily live with their parents. But Dana Geiss' situation was different. At age 22, she was living with her parents while she pursued more education to improve herself.

Before purchasing her home, Dana was living in Philadelphia in her parent's house with her one-month-old son, Nicholas. During that time, Dana had gone back to school and earned her master's in speech language pathology.

"I guess that was a benefit of living at home with my parents. While I was taking classes they could watch my son. That was a big help," says Dana.



Photos courtesy of Dana Geiss

IT WAS ALWAYS DANA'S DREAM...

It was always Dana's dream to have a home of her own. After Dana started working her first full-time job out of graduate school, she explained that is when she started saving for her first home. She was extremely thankful for the support her parents gave her while she was living in their home, but purchasing a home for Dana had a special meaning.

"I am forever grateful and strive to emulate my parents daily," Dana shares. "I was finally able to follow in their footsteps after working two jobs and saving enough money for a down payment on my first home."



WITH A CAN-DO ATTITUDE...

With a can-do attitude, Dana got in touch with her lender and selected a PHFA mortgage for her new home. Today she owns a home in Philadelphia where is she raising her son. Instead of paying rent, she's building equity in her own property. Plus she's making a better life for Nicholas and herself.

"I succeeded and bought my own home in Philadelphia without having to ask anyone for a dime! Well, that is except for PHFA who has helped make my dream possible. Owning a home with the help of PHFA means I am independent."

