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BENEFITS OF OWNING YOUR OWN HOME

You have probably seen lots of financial arguments about why you should own your own home rather than rent. This includes budgeting (no rent increases), the tax savings you will most likely have, and the appreciation in value that occurs with time. The following are some reasons you probably have not heard.

- **Freedom to pursue other goals** in life once the major goal of home ownership is achieved

Strange as it sounds, many of my first-time buyers have told me that once they bought the house, other things in their life started to fall into place. It's as if not owning took so much of their mental energy that other goals were not worked on until that big goal was reached. So buy a home and get on with your life!

- **A greater sense of belonging to the community**

Once you own a home, you feel more attached to the town in which you live. You're more interested in what happens in town, to the roads, schools, and shopping areas. Some people even become involved in local politics, which you seldom see in a renter.

- **A commitment to something, a sense of stability**

Home ownership is an anchor, something that cannot be pulled out from under you. You'll never get a notice that you have to move. You're kids will never have to change schools. It gives you freedom to plan years ahead.

- **You can change things, a feeling of being in control**

It's your home. You can add to it, remodel it, change the landscaping, do whatever projects you want. You have a feeling of being in control of something in your life. At work we don't always have control of what happens, but your home is your castle that you have dominion over. You can see what you're building take shape before your eyes.

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