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Align Credit Union Announces First “Community Dream Mortgage Program” Loan Program helps single mom purchase home in Lowell

Lowell, MA, April 8, 2016 - Align Credit Union is proud to announce that Jenny Sech has become the first Member of Align to purchase a home through Align’s Community Dream Mortgage Program. The Community Dream Mortgage Program is a special program in partnership with MassHousing, Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership and the Coalition for a Better Acre. Through this program Align has pledged \$2 million to give families the opportunity to own their own home and help build strong, vibrant communities in Greater Lowell.



Jenny completed a six-week class through Community Teamwork (CTI) in Lowell. The course was taught by Jim Sullivan, Align’s VP of Community Development. After completing the class and receiving her certificate, Jenny applied for an Individual Development Account (IDA) Grant and received a three to one match on her savings for a downpayment. She then went to Align and got her mortgage through MassHousing and Align’s Community Dream Mortgage Program.

“I am just so grateful to have such a great team at Align. Words can’t express how I’m feeling,” said Jenny. “I can’t wait to start this new chapter of my life.”

“Now more than ever, our local communities need affordable housing,” said Align President Ken Del Rossi. “At Align, we’re committed to helping fund safe, accessible housing for families who thought owning their own home was just a dream. We’re so happy to have helped Jenny achieve that dream by giving her family of three young daughters a chance at a better life.”

To meet Jenny and hear her story, visit Align’s YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/AlignCU>.

Photo Caption (L-R): Kristen Blanchet Keegan (selling realtor), Jenny Sech (Align Member and new homeowner), Jim Sullivan (Align Vice President of Community Development) and Hugh Fitzpatrick (closing attorney).

About Align Credit Union

Since 1922, Align Credit Union has provided customized banking solutions to individuals and families throughout Northeastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. Align offers a full suite of products and services including Personal and Business Banking, Mortgages, Financial Planning and Insurance. Founded as the Northern Massachusetts Telephone Workers Credit Union (NMTW), the Credit Union changed its name to Align in 2013. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works or attends school in many communities throughout Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. For additional information, stop by one of six branches in Amesbury, Danvers, Framingham, Haverhill and Lowell or visit www.AlignCU.com.

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