

## *Roselene's Journey to Home Ownership*

Roselene entered Hildebrand's emergency shelter program in 2015 with her two young children. Determined to reach her goals and find a permanent home for her family, Roselene worked closely with Hildebrand's case management team on budgeting, increasing her savings, applying for a housing voucher, and searching for an apartment. She finally received a Section 8 voucher, and she used her voucher to move into one of Hildebrand's permanent housing units in Boston.

While living in affordable permanent housing, Roselene continued working with Hildebrand's stabilization services team to maintain her housing, increase her income, and grow her savings through a sou-sou, a community-based savings group. In September 2025, Roselene was able to reach her goal of purchasing her own home. After moving into her new home, Roselene shared that she was so happy because she'd worked so hard to reach this goal. When she visited Hildebrand's office to return her apartment key, staff and leadership gathered together to congratulate Roselene and celebrate her outstanding accomplishment (pictured above).

