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BALTIMORE NATIVE CHOOSES BELAIR-EDISON

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Ms. Ashe shows off her shiny new brass house numbers and mailbox, standard on all St. Ambrose renovations.

Ms. Mary Ashe has stayed focused on two priorities: #1 to get her two children great educations, and #2 owning an affordable property that's reminiscent of the one she grew up in. After years of being patient, saving and working hard, Mary Ashe has accomplished both.

Two months ago she purchased a beautifully rehabbed St. Ambrose property on 2800 block of Lake Avenue. It offers her the front porch to relax on, and a back yard with a serene green space. The first weekend she moved in, she was pleasantly surprised to meet her new neighbors during a block clean-up. She says this event has set the tone for her experience,

and is happy to be here.

Ms. Mary Ashe remembers growing up in Old Town Baltimore when the city used to sponsor “Dream Block” challenges. From an early age she was inspired by idea of community, and enjoyed neighbors working together towards a common goal. In their case, it was to beautify the small but precious front yards, converting old tires into flower containers.

While sitting out on her front porch one day, under a shade tree, she remembers being approached by a woman from the Pratt Library. The woman offered to read a story to her and her friends, and from this point forward, Mary fell in love with reading. She believes it's these small things, that make a big difference in a persons life.

Before going away to college, Mary became an adult literacy advocate reading to her elders. After graduation, she worked for the “Reach Out and Read” program at Hopkins for 24 years. Currently, Ms Ashe works near at a Family Support Center as a Child Development Specialist and offers support specifically to teenage parents, and single mothers raising boys.

We are thankful to welcome Mary Ashe to the neighborhood and believe she will be a great neighbor for Lake Avenue, and a valuable asset to Belair-Edison. Mary has the most calming and sincere voice, a pleasure to speak with.

She is willing to share a wealth of information and advocacy with her new community. To learn more about what Ms. Ashe does or how to get involved, visit www.raisinghimalone.com or contact the Waverly Family Support Center at 410.235.0555.