

Resident Profile Series: Nicole Bush

Nicole Bush and her 10-year-old son Oscar live in Rocky Mountain Communities' Townview apartments on the city's west side. In December of 2020, Nicole graduated from University of Colorado-Denver with a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning. Now, she's hoping to find a role in local government, explaining that she wants to solve complex problems in the community.

"I think it's really interesting that you can use software to provide data to help with policy that makes the built environment better and people's lives better," says Nicole.

Nicole knows firsthand that affordable housing is one way people's lives are made better. As a single mother, getting her degree was no small task and she says living at Townview contributed to her success.

"I don't think I could have done that living anywhere else."

In addition to affordable rents, Nicole says Townview's programs make a difference for her and Oscar as well. She uses the food pantry and they've participated in events like the community barbeques.

"The barbecues were really fun and really, anything to get people interacting and getting to know their neighbors is a good thing," says Nicole.

Nicole has lived at Townview over seven years. She says one of the reasons she chose the community was its proximity to community network resources like the Boys and Girls Club, just a few blocks away. That's where Oscar goes for after-school and summer programs, which also made it possible for her to finish her degree.

For now, Oscar is back to in-person learning at school and Nicole is focusing on job hunting while taking care of their six-month-old puppy. She says she's grateful for the opportunities Townview has afforded.

"I'm going to live here as long as I can. The rent is affordable and it's allowed me to be a full-time student."