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GLASSBORO OFFICIALS WELCOME FIRST 'LIVE WHERE YOU WORK' PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

GLASSBORO--Cindy and Andrew Kopp have always lived in the same town where they worked. Dating all the way back to their days living near Miami, FL, to their grad school days in Tuscan, AZ, the pair have always felt closer to their home towns because they worked nearby.

So it wasn't surprising that when Drew landed a job as an assistant professor in the Writing Arts department at Rowan University last summer, the young couple would conduct their new home search in Glassboro.

The Borough's new Live Where You Work Program helped the Kopp's achieve their goal. "Live Where You Work is a homebuyer incentive program that provides low-interest mortgages to income-eligible first-time homebuyers who work in Glassboro and are looking to purchase a home here. The program provides down payment and closing cost assistance, as well as more flexible underwriting criteria for the loan qualification process," explained Borough Council member Ed Malandro.

"I can't tell you how much this program helped us. With a new home and closing costs, every bit helps, and we ended up doing very well with the incentives Live Where You Work provided for us," said Cindy Kopp.

The Kopp family is the first to take advantage of Glassboro's Live Where You Work Program. Borough officials visited the home in late March to welcome the newcomers and bring attention to the program.

"As our downtown redevelopment program moves forward and many more job opportunities are created within the Borough, we hope that people will see the advantages of living and working in this community," said Glassboro Mayor Leo J. McCabe.

For Cindy Kopp, taking advantage of the program was an easy decision. "For us, it's a matter of convenience as well as enjoyment," explained Kopp, also employed by Rowan as an adjunct instructor in Writing Arts. "We feel like we are really part of our new neighborhood because we can ride our bikes through it every day on the way to work."

She added that, with two small children and one car, living in Glassboro was imperative. "If we didn't live close to Rowan, it just wouldn't have worked. And the added cost of buying a new car was something we didn't want to do now," she said.

An added benefit, according to Cindy Kopp, is the impact on the environment. "We can feel that much better with the responsible choices we are making," she said.

Live Where You Work is provided by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency in an effort to improve the quality of life in New Jersey. More information is available by contacting the Department of Economic Development at 856-881-0050, or visiting the Borough web site at www.glassboro.org/lwyw/index.html.



Caption for "Live Where You Work 01.jpg":

Cindy and Andrew Kopp, along with their children Tristan and Cassidy (at center) are the first family to take advantage of the Borough of Glassboro's Live Where You Work Program. The two were hired last year to teach Writing Arts at Rowan University. They are shown with (l-r) Real Estate Agent Denise Woerner of Hughes-Riggs Century 21 in Mullica Hill, Edward Collins of the NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, Glassboro Mayor Leo J. McCabe, Rowan University President Dr. Donald Farish and Carol DeGrace, Vice President of Treasury Mortgage in Mantua.



Caption for "Live Where You Work 02.jpg":

Glassboro Mayor Leo J. McCabe chats with young Tristan Kopp, 5, who has made himself at home in his new Glassboro residence.



Caption for "Live Where You Work 03.jpg":

Andrew Kopp (at Center) was hired as an Assistant Professor in the Writing Arts department at Rowan University last August. Glassboro's Live Where You Work Program provided financial assistance for Kopp and his family to buy a house within the Borough. He is shown in his new home with Glassboro Mayor Leo J. McCabe (at left) and Rowan University President Dr. Donald Farish.

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