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Resident Spotlight: Jamara Fleming

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Jamara Fleming had been going through a rough time. She had a crisis with her infant son and didn't have a stable job. That's when she decided to attend a Metropolitan Family Services job-ready program that led to a carpentry certification. A pivotal conversation with her cousin convinced her to attend a CHA hiring event that ultimately led to a job as a Project Safety Manager's Assistant at Walsh Construction. Fleming was assigned to work on a major affordable housing project - the redevelopment of Lawson House.

When CHA CEO Scott met Fleming on a tour of Lawson House in spring 2023, she had been on the job for seven months, her situation with her son was stabilized, and she was about to move into a new West Side apartment with a Housing Choice Voucher.

"I see myself becoming a Regional Manager one day, working at multiple sites and bringing more people together," she said. When Scott caught up with her again at the opening of Lawson House in spring 2024, Fleming was still employed at Walsh, and had recently been promoted into an expanded role.