

## HOW OWNING A HOME BENEFITS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Many people know that buying a home can be an excellent financial decision. But owning a home has many social benefits, too.

### HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Homeowners generally have fewer health problems and report greater happiness than renters—even when the homeowners and renters have the same incomes and education levels.

### KIDS' WELL-BEING

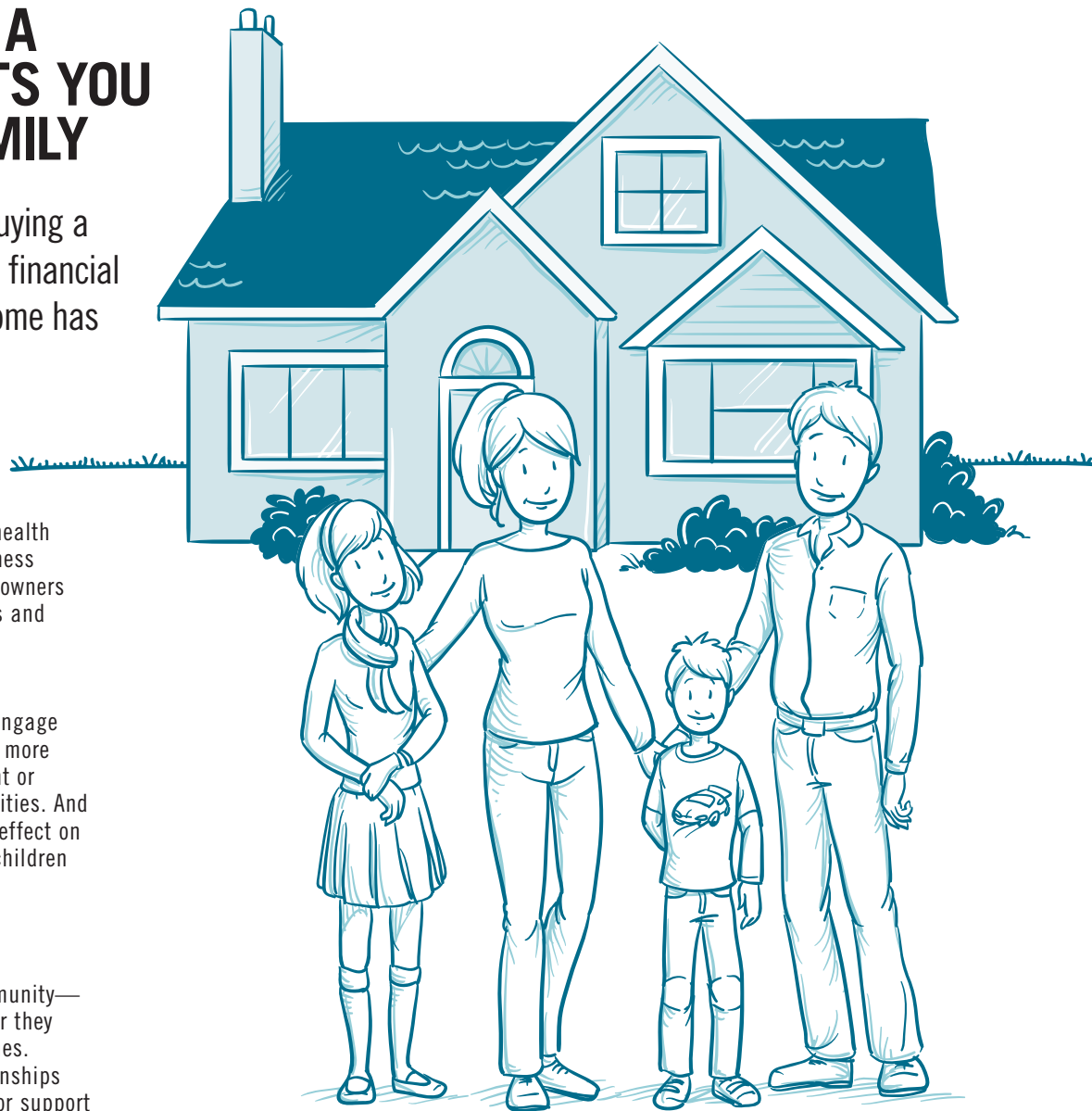
Homeownership may help parents engage in positive parenting behavior with more opportunities for school involvement or participation in neighborhood activities. And residential stability has a positive effect on reading and math performance of children between the ages of three and 12.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Homeowners get more engaged in organizations that serve their community—like schools—regardless of whether they live in high-value or low-value homes. Homeowners also form more relationships with neighbors they can count on for support and friendship. And homeowners are more politically and civically active.

### CRIME PREVENTION

Neighborhoods with more homeowners have less property and personal crimes than neighborhoods with more renters, even when comparing areas with similar socioeconomic characteristics.



Where does this information come from?

Dozens of research studies over the last several decades have examined and confirmed the many positive aspects of owning a home. Visit [txrealto.rs/homeownerbenefits](http://txrealto.rs/homeownerbenefits) to learn more about the research.

Your REALTOR® can help you take the steps toward buying a home and enjoying all the benefits of a place to call your own.