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Family Self Sufficiency class primed for success *49 graduates will share half a million dollars worth of escrow*

WHAT: Family Self Sufficiency Graduation.
WHERE: Charles Hayes Center, 4859 S. Wabash Avenue.
WHEN: 6 p.m., Monday, July 18, 2011.
DETAILS: 7 degrees earned among 49 graduates.

CHICAGO – The road was never easy for Tiffany Simpson.

A single mom in high school, she graduated with honors, and went on to obtain a degree in business management from Robert Morris University before completing earning her Master’s in real estate from Roosevelt University.

And right about the time her journey hit a rough patch, she landed her dream job at her dream employer, where she now manages three well-known properties.

Simpson is one of 49 graduates who will be honored - and who will share \$500,000 worth of escrow - at the Family Self Sufficiency Graduation Monday at the Charles Hayes Center.

“Sometimes you just want to give up and say forget it,” she said. “I wouldn’t let myself do that. Things happen for a reason, and they happen when you’re ready for them to happen to you.”

FSS is designed to help participants obtain good jobs and build assets, not only to purchase a home, but to eliminate the need for public assistance and achieve personal goals. Their savings are placed into an account which, at the end of the program, is used for down payments on homes and similar ventures.

It’s a program that has helped Simpson stay the course.

“FSS has been a positive experience that has allowed people the opportunity to focus on their goals and whatever they want to achieve,” she said.

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