

# FACES OF THE FRONT

## **Thomas and Carey Dougan** Residents, from Capitol Hill Towers to Capitol Quarter

### **Access to Everything**

For Thomas and Carey Dougan, the Capitol Riverfront is the perfect place to raise two young children. Their children, Eve and Ben, enjoy the vibrant social environment on the hill, taking advantage of the wonderful tight-knit community of families on Capitol Hill.



"The community has been welcoming; offering free outdoor movies, farmers markets, family nights at the Nationals stadium and other social events has really helped us build a strong community here in Southeast," says Carey.

Three years ago, when redevelopment of "The Front" was just beginning, the Dougans became one of the first residents at Capitol Hill Towers. "We both grew up in a small Kansas town and came to Washington straight from college. It was a big adjustment, but we love living here and don't plan on leaving any time soon," says Carey.

The Dougans love growing vegetables at the community garden, on Virginia Avenue, and the local farmers who deliver fresh cheese, milk, meat, and produce to the area once a week.

The Dougans don't own a car but with ready access to public transportation—Circulator Bus, MetroRail and MetroBus—they don't need one. Thomas walks to work at the Navy Yard and the family enjoys walking to the community garden and the mall to enjoy the museums and biking to the National Arboretum and Kingman Island.

They're thrilled to be moving to a handsome new four-bedroom Capitol Quarter town home they once thought was beyond their reach. "We entered a lottery for the EYA workforce housing program, because we wouldn't be able to afford a town house on Capitol Hill," says Thomas who works for the U. S. Navy while Carey stays home and cares for the children.

Carey finds a source of pride in watching the community grow through new bike trails and construction that is happening in the area. "We were some of the first residents in the neighborhood and look forward to being pioneers in a new, up and coming DC neighborhood."