

Cherished Memories from Dobbs Ferry, New York Forest City, Florida

Story Narrative:

"Another thing that living in a small town has taught me--I'm from Dobbs Ferry, New York--it has taught me to really cherish my memories. It has taught me that if you move out of your community without any thought, you might regret it later. I wish I could go back there, but in this really small town outside of New York City, it's really expensive--like \$2,300 a month for a two-bedroom apartment. I would go back there if I had the money because the memories are just so important to me. It taught me that I belong, and it taught me the values of family, and culture and caring for one another and trusting your neighbors, and just feeling like you always had a home."

Part of the "Stories from Main Street" project--an effort to collect stories about small-town life across the United States. The project was the brainchild of the Smithsonian's "Museum on Main Street" program, an initiative that brings traveling exhibitions about subjects of national importance to small towns across America.

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