

Success Stories: USDA Assists Young Mother With Homeownership

Outline of Need:

Tammy Allison had lived in Tekamah, Nebraska with her family until she was in third grade when they moved to Minnesota. This year, 29-year-old Tammy and her two sons, ages 11 and 10, along with Tammy's parents moved back to Tekamah. Tammy's parents moved into to their former residence but Tammy searched the rental properties for a place for her family to live. Not impressed by the rental properties that were available, Tammy decided to live in her parents' basement until suitable rental space was found.

How Rural Development Helped:

The USDA Rural Development, Goldenrod Hills Community Services, and the Burt-Washington Community Housing and Development Organization (CHDO) helped Tammy to obtain a safe and affordable home. The initial contact to the Burt-Washington CHDO led Tammy to USDA Rural Development who was able to provide her with a housing loan. Goldenrod Hills and the CHDO provided funding for the major repair and insulation work needed to be completed on the future home of Ms. Allison and family.

The Results:

After many years of renting, Tammy and her sons are now nestled into their new home. Safe, clean, sound and affordable housing is theirs. This was finally a "true home" for the Allison's. Tammy's sons are now able to have their long awaited dogs.

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