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Maine– Rural Housing Service

Strategic Partners

Rural Development/ Community Unite to make Homeownership Dream a Reality

Outline Of Need: Most of us take for granted simple things such as opening a door, turning on the sink, or cooking a meal. These are things most people do every day.

But For Jennifer Turner, who was paralyzed after a hit and run car accident at the age of 13, these things require a home that is custom built with her needs in mind.

How Rural Development Helped: USDA Rural Development provided a Single-Family Housing Direct Loan in the amount of \$77,000.

Other partners include the City of Auburn, Auburn Housing Authority, Coastal Enterprises, Inc., numerous local businesses and 177 individual donors which raised the funds needed to help Jennifer own her own home.

Fast Facts

Program: Single-Family Housing Direct Loan

Investment: \$77,000

Partners: City of Auburn, Auburn Housing Authority, Coastal Enterprises, Inc., local businesses, contractors, vendors and 177 individual donors

Housing Programs: USDA Rural Development has assisted 1,559 Maine families or individuals in obtaining or maintaining homeownership to date in FY 2011



USDA Rural Development State Director Virginia Manuel and homeowner Jennifer Turner cut the ribbon alongside community partners that made her new home possible

The Results: Thanks to USDA Rural Development and partners, Jennifer, now 41, has a home that fits her needs. Without this home and the amenities it provides, Jennifer would have had to consider placement in assisted living. Jennifer has attained her lifelong goal of homeownership and can now sustain independent living.

Her new and completely handicap-accessible home, located in Auburn, enables her to access and navigate her entire home safely and independently.

The home is complete with chair lifts and ceiling rails that will help Jennifer move from room to room.

This project was more than the construction of a new home. It was a combined community effort that made Jennifer's dream come to life.

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