

WI Rural Development Celebrates National Homeownership Month June 2002



An Open House and Partner Recognition Ceremony took place at the USDA Service Center/ Rural Development Office in Rhinelander, on June 4th. The event was well attended by lenders and real estate brokers, current borrowers and interested "potential" applicants, and agency personnel from across the 'market area' serviced by the Rhinelander office. State Director Frank Frassetto and CDM Suzanne LaPorte were introduced to the community, and Rural Development's partners in lending were recognized. Gary Valley, Director of Catholic Charities Community Services, Superior WI, was a special guest at the event. Mr. Valley spoke of the valuable partnership Catholic Charities has with Rural Development in offering homeownership counseling to our customers.



Homeowner Dawn Lutze, RD CDM Julie Giese, Noel Ryder/Lakeshore CAP, Builder Les Thoe/Mid-Wisconsin Homes, Steve Binder representing Pittsville Homes, State Director Frank Frassetto and Bob Schweder of Senator Russ Feingold's office.



State Director Frank Frassetto, Homeowner Dawn Lutze and her parents Gary and Edna Lutze

On June 5th, Rural Development officials and partners gathered at the home of Dawn Lutze, a disabled single mother, to celebrate the realization of her longtime dream of homeownership. Thanks to affordable financing products and cooperative efforts of Rural Development, Lakeshore CAP, Ebb Tide and Movin' Out, as well as the commitment of the builder and home designer in developing a house that would meet Ms. Lutze's special needs, the dream came true for her when she moved in to her newly constructed home in Valders WI this past October. Dawn also recognized her parents and brother for the strong support and assistance they gave her during this process.