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Southeastern Wisconsin Housing Corporation

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Celebration is in order for Southeastern Wisconsin Housing Corporation and its Executive Director Arturo Gonzales, in honor of 31 years of hard work and dedication in assisting families build their own homes through the USDA Mutual Self-Help Housing Program.

Gathering at a self-help home construction site in Delavan WI on August 3, 2002, are Congressman Paul Ryan, USDA Rural Housing Service Administrator Art Garcia, WI USDA Single Family Housing Program Director Peter Kohnen, Mr. Gonzalez, and WI Rural Development State Director Frank Frassetto.

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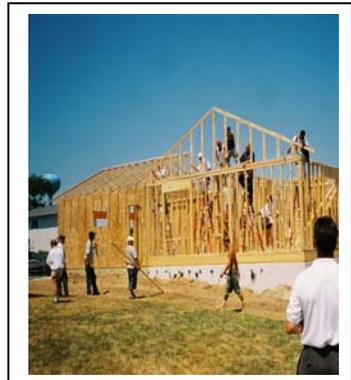
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The Self-Help Program:

Mutual Self-Help Housing is just as it sounds: Families working together to build their own homes...similar to church and barn raisings of earlier days. The families supply much of the necessary labor while obtaining a Rural Development 502 rural housing loan, at an affordable interest rate, to purchase land, materials, and subcontract on very technical items.

Southeastern Wisconsin Housing Corporation has been the recipient of grants from Rural Development over the past 31 years, to organize the groups and assist the families with training and guidance from the pre-construction phase (including responsibilities of homeownership, construction techniques, tool usage, safety, maintenance, insurance, etc), through the construction process and to loan closing and move in.

Since 1971, Southeastern Wisconsin Housing Corporation has assisted 650 families in Southeast WI build their homes through the Self-Help Program.



Their current grant is targeted to assist an additional 42 families.