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## LOCAL FAMILY CELEBRATES NEW HOME

*“National Homeownership celebrated”*

**Wilton, June 25, 2009** – Magdey Abdallah, Confidential Assistant to Tammye Trevino, Administrator for Housing and Community Facilities Programs for USDA in Washington, D.C., Mark Wax, Housing Program Director for Rural Development, and other Rural Development staff members today are visiting the home of Jamie Oberg to personally congratulate her as a new homeowner during the celebration.



*Jamie and her children.*

The visit is part of a series of events held throughout the nation by USDA Rural Development in celebration of June as National Homeownership Month, and President Obama’s initiative to increase homeownership opportunities.



A native of the Washburn area, and after living in Bismarck for six years, Jamie, a single mother with two young children, decided to move to Wilton. After two and a half years, it was in Wilton she decided to build her home. With the assistance of builder Lee Lunde, Viking Builders, Oberg qualified for Rural Development’s 502 Direct Loan program, and was on her way to achieving the American dream of homeownership.

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So far this fiscal year, Rural Development has provided more than \$25 million in loan and grant financing to North Dakota citizens helping more than 2,000 families obtain rental assistance, or home and repair loans/grants.

USDA Rural Development is the lead federal entity for rural economic and community development needs. It administers financial and technical assistance through a network of state Rural Development offices, various non-profit and educational institutional partners, and its national office.

Further information on these and other rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

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