

## Success Stories: USDA Home Loan Helps Family Obtain Safe Housing

### Outline of Need:

Elizabeth Anderson and her three children ages 15, 11, and 9 were living in an overcrowded three-bedroom home in Chadron, Nebraska with unsuitable living conditions. The basement of this rental house was condemned by the city. Only two bedrooms were usable, the furnace did not work and the sewer backed up regularly. When the owner of the house would not make the badly needed repairs, Elizabeth knew she had to find a new home for her children. Specific accommodations in the home would be required for the 11-year-old who is autistic, i.e. light switches would need to be placed lower so that the specially trained dog could turn the light switches on.

### How Rural Development Helped:

Elizabeth visited the USDA Rural Development office in Chadron. She qualified for a home loan through USDA Rural Development's Direct Rural Housing Loan Program. Through a specific fund set up by Social Security for her son's special needs, Elizabeth received monies to assist with the loan closing costs.

### The Results:

The Anderson's are now residing in their three-bedroom, soundly constructed, affordable home just outside the city limits of Chadron. Today, adequate living space and a large yard for the children to enjoy are a part of the Anderson's everyday living environment.

"My new home is just perfect for my family. It is safe, everything is in working condition, it accommodates my special needs child, and my children have room --to be kids," said Elizabeth.



Cody, Eric and Jeremy Anderson and Kena at work and at play in their new home.

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