

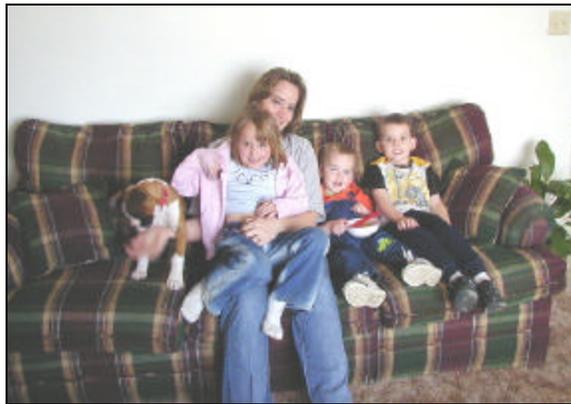
PARTNERING HELPS YOUNG FAMILY FIND SHELTER AFTER THE STORM

Outline of Need:

Michael and Carrie Adamson both worked and resided in Ogallala. The couple and their three children--Kelsey 5 1/2 yrs., Tyler 4 yrs., and McClain 2 yrs. lived in a trailer home that the Adamsons were purchasing. On July 6, 2002, heavy rains resulted in area flooding causing the family to lose both their home and many possessions. Their troubles soon increased when Michael had to leave his employment due to serious medical problems.

How Rural Development Helped:

Effective partnering and community support played a significant role in assisting the Adamson family with buying a "home" again. USDA Rural Development via its Direct Home Ownership Loan program partnered with Keith County Housing Development Corporation and Ogallala Recovery, as well as local businesses, churches and realtors to help the Adamsons. Community response was overwhelming as responders "were coming out of the woodwork" to help all the residents adversely impacted by the flood. This outpouring of generosity assisted families such as the Adamsons.



"We are well settled in and very happy with our home," states Carrie Adamson.

CARRIE ADAMSON WITH CHILDREN KELSEY, MCCLAIN, TYLER AND DOG BANDIT RELAXING IN THEIR NEW HOME.

Results:

The Adamson Christmas 2002 was celebrated in their new home located on a quiet street in Ogallala. The family is enjoying their comfortable, well kept house with a large yard for the children to play. The family's monthly housing costs are less than the rental costs they paid for housing after the flood, making it easier to afford the necessities of life. The home is all electric and energy efficient, a plus with the present fluctuating energy costs.

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