

“Best Thing I Have Ever Done”

Outline Of Need: Dave Davis was involved in a pickup accident that left him a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the neck down. It was months of being in and out of the hospital and after years of rehabilitation and hard work, Dave has regained enough independence to live on his own. He has earned a bachelor and master’s degree in Industrial Technology. But Dave needed a totally handicapped-accessible home.



How Rural Development Helped:

Dave was able to leverage a USDA Rural Development Single Family Housing Direct Loan with funding from Kansas Housing Resources Corporation and FHLBank for the purchase of his home. Dave qualified for a USDA Rural Development Single Family Home Repair Loan Program in 2009 to make needed repairs to the home.

The Results: “Best thing I’ve ever done. Before I got hurt I wanted to own land and a farm – this is the next best thing,” Dave said. Being able to purchase this home with the help of USDA Rural Development opened the doors for him to have his totally handicapped-accessible home become a reality. On his own, with help from family and friends, through various programs he has been able to add a large bedroom with wide doors and a handicap-accessible bathroom with roll-in shower. Dave has also built a large deck so he can sit outside from his bedroom, and a wider carport to accommodate his van.

