

Self-Help Housing Families in Greensburg Move Into Their New Homes



Outline Of Need: The homes were gone! New affordable housing was a key component for Greensburg's long-term recovery, to help support a greener, more sustainable future for Greensburg and Kiowa County.

How Rural

Development Helped:

Funding for the *Greensburg Community Self-Help Housing Program* was a result of the first-ever partnership between USDA Rural Development and the United Way of the Plains in Wichita. This cooperative funding arrangement allowed the City of Greensburg to work with Mennonite Housing Rehabilitation Services to oversee the construction of the affordable single-family homes. The *Greensburg Community Self-Help Housing Program* was modeled after USDA's successful *Mutual Self-Help Housing Program*.



The Results: A total of twenty three affordable 'green' homes have been constructed under this program so far. The *Greensburg Community Self-Help Program* included the involvement of 24 non-profits and faith-based organizations, national energy experts, government agencies, and trade associations to help reduce the cost of the houses built to replace those homes lost from the devastating May 4, 2007 tornado that struck Greensburg and the region.