

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

Outline Of Need: *Tara Menzel was looking to full fill her dream of home ownership. Tara and her children were living with her parents and were desperately seeking their own space and privacy. In addition, Tara's father was very ill and it was hard for her children to watch their grandfather battle his illness.*

There was a new home being built near her parent's house that would fit her dreams perfectly. It had a yard, full basement, garage and plenty of bedrooms. She could choose the flooring, cabinets and paint the walls in her choice of colors. They could have their own space.

Tara heard about a program that could help lower income families purchase a home. She contacted USDA Rural Development to see if her dream could come true.

How Rural Development Helped: *Tara made an appointment and met with the staff at the Sturgis Rural Development office. The prequalification showed that Tara could possibly afford the house she was looking at purchasing. Tara completed and filed the application for the RH 502 direct program and attended home buyers education classes. The Sturgis Rural Development staff was able to help Tara through the process of applying for a loan.*

Rural Development processed the application and determined Tara eligible for the program. Rural development was able to provide Tara with an RH 502 Direct loan so she could purchase her dream home.

The Results: *Tara bought her dream home and she picked out the carpet, the cabinets and painted the walls. Her dad showed her how to maintain a lawn mower. Her children got to choose their bedrooms. They have their own space now. Tara said "Dreams Do Come True!"*

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