

## HOME GETS A NEW FACE LIFT

**Outline of Need:** Sherman and Penny Wright had rented the house they purchased less than a year ago for about 9 years. It was in great need of several repairs. The Wright's heard about the USDA Rural Development 504 Loan and Grant program through some relatives.

### **How Rural Development Helped:**

They contacted the local Rural Development office and set up an appointment to place an application to see if they might be eligible for assistance in repairing their home. After the Rural Development Specialist made an inspection and listed the needed repairs, they obtained cost estimates from a potential contractor.



In order for the Wright's to be able to get the majority of the needed repairs done, the Rural Development Specialist, prepared and submitted an application packet to Kentucky Housing Corporation requesting grant funds through their Houseworks program. The request was granted. The Houseworks program will match up to \$10,000 for qualifying repairs, when funds are available.

One side of their house was constructed of concrete block and the overhang was deteriorated. They were able to get siding, overhang repairs and gutters for their home. Also, bathroom repairs were completed, including a new sink which they had been doing without for several years. Later they came back to Rural Development and were able to get a grant to install a heat pump for cooling and heating which replaced their baseboard heaters and window air conditioner.

**The Results:** Mrs. Wright said they were very, very pleased with the results and the way Rural Development employees worked with them. She said she'd recommend Rural Development to anybody that is eligible for it.

If you would like to obtain information on the programs offered by USDA Rural Development, you may contact the Area Office at 606-789-3766. The office is located at 100 Scott Perry Drive, Paintsville KY 41240.



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