

# Room For The Whole Family

**Outline Of Need:** *William and Raven Burke needed to find a house big enough for their family. They were living in an apartment that they were quickly out growing. Their eldest daughter was living with her grandmother as there was no room for her in the apartment. When she did stay with her parents, she had to sleep on the couch in the living room.*

**How Rural Development Helped:** *William and Raven had been working with NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources [previously known as Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of the Black Hills] to get ready for home ownership. NeighborWorks advised them to contact USDA Rural Development regarding the RH direct 502 program.*

*They contacted the local Rural Development Office and completed the pre-qualification appointment. Based on the information provided, it appeared that they would qualify for a loan to purchase a house to meet their needs. They completed the application, attended home buyer education classes and were determined eligible for RH 502 assistance.*

**The Results:** *They found a nice older home with a large backyard. They put an offer on the house and the loan was approved. They now have enough room for the entire family. William and Raven are happy to have their family together. Their daughter has her own room. Her brothers are happy to have their big sister living with them.*

*William and Raven said that the process of buying a house happened fairly quickly. The USDA Rural Development staff made the process easy to understand, was very helpful and always available to answer questions. USDA Rural Development made it possible for them to have room for the whole family. Submitted by Rapid City Office 12/2008*



Raven and William Burke standing in front of their house.