

SINGLE MOM BECOMES HOMEOWNER

Outline Of Need: *Dawn White and her 4 children were renters for 4 years. In 2007, she and her children moved in with her parents to begin saving for a home of their own.*

How Rural Development Helped: *In April 2007, Dawn attended a homeownership class through her mother's church, Lifting Holy Hands in Dover, DE, that was provided by a non-profit group, Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware. She explained to the counselor that she had cleaned up her credit report and had some money saved. That was all that was needed when the counselor handed her a Rural Development application and she was on her way.*

The Results: *On May 24, 2008, Dawn White and her family moved into their new home. With pride in her voice Dawn White describes her new home; "It's got four bedrooms, two baths, and a really big kitchen – all on one floor."*

Many Delaware residents are struggling to find affordable homes and the financing to go with them; Dawn White has been successful in reaching the American Dream. At USDA Rural Development we are fortunate to work with housing counseling agencies like Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware, NCALL Research and First State Community Action Agency, who all do an outstanding job of preparing individuals for the responsibility of homeownership.

Pictured at right are Dawn White and her 4 children: Azavier, Ahmanuel, Amir, and Ahlexxus. U.S. Congressman Michael Castle and USDA Rural Development State Director Marlene Elliott Brown congratulate them by presenting an American Flag.

Pictured below are Dawn and her children.

