

RURAL PROGRAM

Since 1997, Enterprise has invested more than \$800 million in grants, loans and equity, and developed more than 15,000 affordable homes in rural communities nationwide.

Many of the nation's rural communities struggle with persistently high rates of poverty. One in every four rural households in the U.S. is severely overburdened by housing costs. More than 40 percent lack the basics like water, electricity, and adequate heating and plumbing. As rural communities become older and more diverse, many lack the same diversity in resources.



Chuska Apartments, Gallup, N.M.

ENTERPRISE IS HELPING RURAL COMMUNITIES RESPOND TO THESE CHALLENGES, AND PROVIDE DECENT, GREEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL RESIDENTS BY:

- Creating opportunities for the acquisition or rehabilitation of Rural Rental Housing 515 projects
- Advocating for support for rental assistance and other funding programs
- Advancing best practices in green building and sustainability
- Promoting the development of safe, affordable and green homes for farm workers, with a special focus in the Pacific Northwest and southwestern U.S.
- Providing training and technical assistance in permanent supportive housing in rural communities

Before moving to Chuska Apartments in Gallup, N.M., Dana* was homeless. Fleeing with her young son and daughter from an abusive spouse, she had no job and no extended family to lean on. They bounced from place to place, bunking up at different friends homes when possible. The instability took a toll on all of them. At night, her children would ask, “Mom, can we go home now?”

Then Dana found Chuska Apartments, and a new start for her family in an attractive, green affordable two-bedroom home. Developed by Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico and Enterprise, Chuska was built to serve the needs of low-income and formerly homeless families of Gallup. With 30 apartments and shared community space, its small, communal design is meant to create a supportive atmosphere among residents. Chuska Apartments also meets the Enterprise Green Communities Criteria, with green features like energy-efficient windows, rooftop solar hot water and rain barrels that harvest water for landscape irrigation. Care 66, a local nonprofit, provides a range of social services to Chuska's residents.



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Dana now has a steady job and is studying to become a pharmacy technician in the future. Most of all, she has something now that she couldn't give her family before. “I am grateful that my daughter and the other children have a safe environment to play in,” Dana said.

*Name changed to protect privacy.

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