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ORGANIZATION FACTS:

Web: www.fahe.org
 Year Founded: 1980
 Location: Berea, KY
 Footprint: Regional

By the Numbers: (for FY 2016)

- 3,931 families assisted through housing programs
- 100% of families served were low-mod income
- \$73 million in direct investment

Fahe is on a mission to eliminate persistent poverty in Appalachia. Fahe's unique collaborative model connects a Network of local, regional, and national leaders, all working together to uplift the nation's rural places.

Working with a network of over 50 nonprofits across the Appalachian portion of Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Alabama, and Maryland, Fahe uses its expertise in finance, collaboration, innovation, advocacy, and communication to achieve a more prosperous Appalachian region. With a focus on leadership, housing, education, health and social services, and economic opportunity, Fahe empowers the people and communities of Appalachia with the resources, opportunities, and tools needed to build a better life. Fahe's strength in numbers creates positive change in Appalachia, one of the poorest and most difficult regions of the country to serve.

In FY 2016, the Fahe Network served 75,000 people and made a direct investment of \$73 million in housing and community development. Since Fahe's inception in 1980, Fahe and members have served more than 375,000 Appalachians with housing and other services, made over \$609 million in direct investments, and achieved a total cumulative financial impact of over a billion dollars in the Appalachian region.

Fahe's collaborative model extends beyond its members to several successful public / private partnerships such as the one with USDA Rural Development. Fahe coordinates a network of 502 Direct packaging partners in 18 states allowing the streamlined delivery of affordable mortgage products to underserved areas. Fahe is also proud to have received \$50 million in Community Facilities funds through Uplift America. The funds build real capacity for the region and the organizations that serve persistent and high poverty areas.

A New Start in Pleasant Ridge

Jeff is a single father of four children. He's always dreamed of owning a home large enough for his family to live comfortably in a safe neighborhood.

However, Jeff's family has faced numerous obstacles. Jeff suffered a severe back injury that has resulted in the family living on a fixed income and residing in doublewide trailer that was difficult to heat and cool. To make ends meet, Jeff was forced to move away from the family-owned property and into a low-income rental home.

Luckily for Jeff, the home was owned and maintained by Clinch-Powell RC&D, a Fahe Member based in Rutledge, TN. Jeff developed a relationship with the staff and soon accepted a position as an Appalachia CARES / AmeriCorps member. While working there, he learned about the USDA 502 Direct program and applied through Fahe's mortgage division, JustChoice Lending.

Now Jeff's family lives in Pleasant Ridge, a mixed-income community built by Clinch-Powell. "The Pleasant Ridge community is perfect," said Jeff. "With my ties to Clinch-Powell I have managed to meet all of the residents who live here. There are other kids in the area and this will be the first time my children have a chance to be part of a community. And on top of that, it's cheaper to own the house than rent."

