

Faces Behind the Funding



RECIPIENT

Mary “Vickey” Lafero

THDA PROGRAM

HOME Grant

Match by the Martin Housing Authority

LOCATION

Martin, Tennessee
Weakley County



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About the Home

Mary “Vickey” Lafero’s home in Weakley County was beyond repair. Her home was almost sitting on the ground because the floors were falling in, raw sewage was running under the house, there was lead paint inside the home, and the roof, windows and porch were in extreme disrepair. With the sewage running under her home, the air in Ms. Lafero’s home became toxic. With funds from the HOME Grant and the Martin Housing Authority, Ms. Lafero’s house was torn down and a brand new, safe, sanitary and affordable home was built in its place.

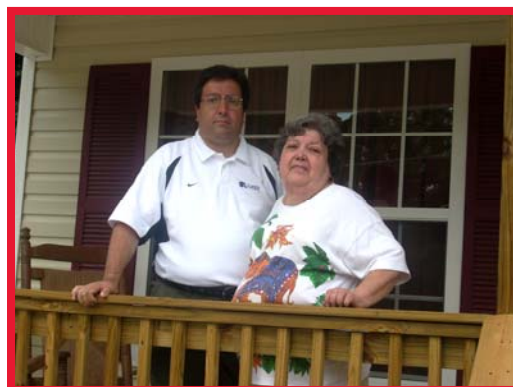


Before retiring, Ms. Lafero was a chef in some of the finest restaurants in New York. She then moved to Nashville and owned a restaurant called Victoria’s in Elliston Place before moving to Weakley County.

About the HOME Program

THDA administers the federally funded HOME Program to promote the production, preservation and rehabilitation of housing for low income households. HOME Grants are awarded annually through a competitive application process to cities, counties and non-profit organizations outside the local participating jurisdictions. Community housing development organizations (CHDOs) are eligible to apply for THDA HOME Grants, only if the proposed project is outside most HOME local participating jurisdictions.

About the Martin Housing Authority



The Martin Housing Authority is committed to ensuring that each citizen in the Weakley County area has available access to safe, sanitary, affordable and energy efficient housing. The Martin Housing Authority provides a number of services for its residents in Martin, Dresden, Gleason, Greenfield and Sharon counties. The housing authority also manage multifamily housing in Martin, Union City and Dyersburg.

The Martin Housing Authority enjoys a longstanding partnerships with THDA.