

# CDBG Success Story

## Home Enhancement Program

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### Cost and Sources:

\$35,000 – CDBG- HEP

### Before



### After



**Problem or need addressed:** Many homeowners live with a fixed income which doesn't allow for any expensive or unexpected home repairs. When I first met the homeowners', I could see the depression and anguish they had as they were dealing with health issues and economic burdens, and of course issues with their house. These homeowners were in dire need of some exterior home improvements including a roof replacement and their insurance had already canceled them.

**Solution:** Once they applied and were approved, the Home Enhancement program was able to improve their household by replacing the roof, windows and screens, doors, exterior light fixtures, and some exterior stucco repairs and painting the exterior of the house.

**Results:** This was a big relief since the family was going through so many hardships; this gave them some peace knowing their home was now a safer place for them and they didn't have to pay it back as long as they stay in the home for five years, which wasn't an issue as they have lived there for some time. They were able to obtain their home insurance once again before we closed out the project. The picture below shows the homeowner's happiness at having several things less to worry about. Our program also instills property pride and tranquility in our recipients' lives.

