

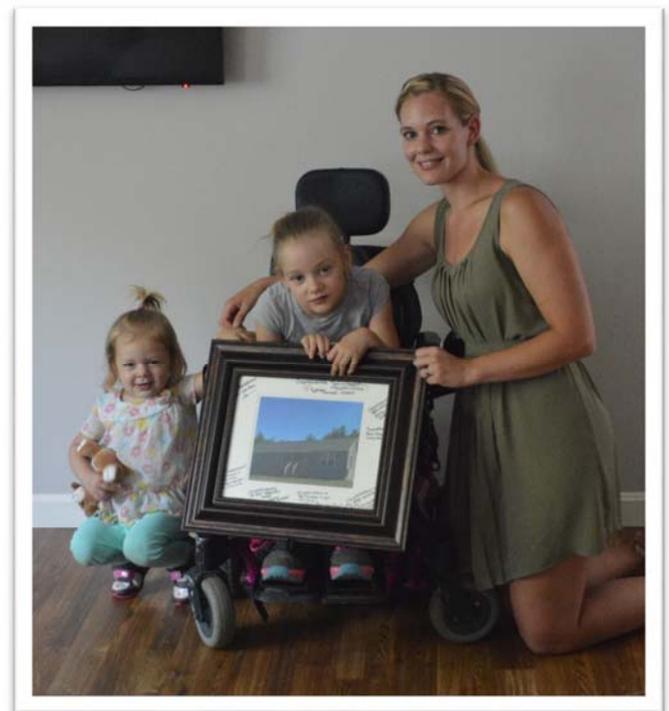


The Chase Family Rises to Homeownership

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Joseph and Toni Chase have faced some difficult challenges in recent years, but thanks to USDA Rural Development, homeownership wasn't one of them. Owning their own home was made easy and affordable by USDA Rural Development and the Single-Family Housing Direct Program. The couple have two young children, Shayla who is seven and Alecia who is two.

Shayla was born at 31 weeks gestation and suffered from a lack of oxygen which caused her to have a stroke. The result of that left Shayla with spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy and cortical visual impairment. Shayla has had one surgery and the family faces many more in her future. The surgeries, not covered by insurance, come at a tremendous expense to the family. Because this home is financed through USDA Rural Development's Direct Single-Family Housing Program, they can keep more money in their pockets for Shayla, and still raise her in a home that is accessible, affordable, and best of all – their own.



The new home, in Standish, is one level so that Shayla can maneuver it independently in their chair, with wide doors and a ramp up to the front door.

[USDA Rural Development Single-Family Housing Direct Loan](#) helps Maine families work towards a financially sound future through homeownership - with no downpayment, and monthly payments that they can afford.