

Good afternoon,

I want to start off by saying, I am not trying to pity our family to the commission, as I know many people have their own situations and stories.

I am not sure what ultimately is the deciding factor on the recipient of the house, but would just like to share my family's unique situation with you. We have been searching for a home for a couple years now, that is in our price range and can accomodate our family. My family of 7 is currently living in an old 1984 2 bedroom mobile home. Our 7 year old has autism and needs more space for the things he needs. Unfortunately, our 1 year old son is on the waiting list to also be evaluated for autism. So he will ultimately be needing special items to help him as well. We are so over crowded here. We had another addition to our house in 2023, which was not expected and took full legal guardianship of our niece when she was born, while I was already 6 months pregnant. Our 2 one year olds sleep in our small bedroom with us. Our electric bills and propane are always so high because it is not energy efficient. We feel so defeated and need to catch a break. When we learned of this program and this home was due to be done and selling on the market, we were so excited. I know compared to others we don't have as big of a down payment, but isn't that what this program is for? To help people who are struggling to find decent housing and give them a chance? If we had a bigger down payment, we would have more options. We are working with coulee cap and also are putting some of our own money down. We have never been behind on rent and always put our bills first. We are good family oriented people who are just looking for someone to give our family a chance at a better life. Our kids deserve to live in a nice home that can accomodate their needs. We need this house so bad and hope we are picked. This would save our lives.

Sincerely,

Ashley Sordahl