

“Thank you so much for the grant. Every time it rained or snowed, I was a nervous wreck looking at the ceiling – waiting for it to cave in. I will never forget your kindness.” *Sally Murphy, THF Recipient from Gillette, WI*

Tomorrow’s Home Foundation (THF) is a non-profit charitable organization created by the Wisconsin Housing Alliance in 1999...to help people like 83-year-old Sally Murphy.

“The roof on my home is very bad. It’s been this bad for three years and won’t survive snow and ice, I’m told.”

Tomorrow’s Home Foundation provides emergency assistance for critical home repairs, such as a new roof, furnace, water heater, windows, doors, handicap accessibility, etc., that allow individuals and families to stay in their manufactured, modular or mobile home. The Foundation also creates a mode for disposing of old, uninhabitable and unsightly mobile homes.



*A home disposal on the Menominee Indian Reservation in NE Wisconsin*

THF recipients are low or very low income, and are mainly elderly and/or disabled. Sally, for instance, receives social security and lives with her disabled son, who receives disability.

The Foundation assists populations that are underserved by other programs. Many charitable and public service agencies do not provide assistance to people in manufactured housing, especially if they’re in a community and don’t own the land. This is a primary reason Tomorrow’s Home Foundation was created.

“I called three different agencies and was finally referred to Tomorrow’s Home Foundation. I do not know what I would have done otherwise.” says 70-year-old Sandra Joepeck of Green Bay, who received a new water heater only two days after she submitted her application.

We pride ourselves with how promptly we’re able to assist our recipients, especially those without running water or a furnace, frozen pipes, etc. We received a letter from Tina Dayton of La Crosse, Wisconsin, concerned about mold in her bathroom shower. Her husband was out of work due to an injury, and she stays at home taking care of her 8-year-old special needs daughter. Besides her daughter’s disability check, their only source of income is \$600 a month in wages from their 21-year-old son.

It took just over a month from the time we received Tina’s letter until the contractor had completed the repairs and eradicated the mold. “I just want to thank you all for helping our family get this stuff taken care of. You truly are a blessing and my hero.”



*Brandy Winnen of Green Bay, THF Recipient, enjoying her handicapped-accessible home.*

Applicants for THF grant programs must own their home and have lived there for a year or more, and the home must be a 1976 model or newer. Income must be at or below 50% of the county medium income. So if they're only receiving social security or disability, they will likely qualify.

Lorry Nieves (56 years old and disabled) of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, was brought to tears when told she had been approved for a new water heater. "Thank you to everyone who was involved in bringing me such joy and thankfulness!"

**Program Evaluation**

Was this program helpful in improving your living situation? Yes No **VERY HELPFUL**

Were you happy with the end results of the project? **VERY** Yes No

Was the staff of the Tomorrow's Home Foundation helpful to you? Yes No **THANK YOU > YES! BEYOND HELPFUL**

Suggestions, Recommendations or Comments: **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED IN BRINGING ME SUCH JOY & THANKFULNESS?**

Please provide any feedback for us that you feel would be beneficial in keeping this program available to others.

**I AM VERY GRATEFUL BEYOND WORDS FOR TOMORROW'S HOME FOUNDATION'S GENEROSITY IN FUNDING A NEW WATER HEATER / REPAIRS WHEN LAURIE MERCURIO INFORMED ME I HAD BEEN APPROVED IT BROUGHT ME TO TEARS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED TO BRING ME SUCH JOY & THANKFULNESS?**

Tomorrow's Home Foundation programs are partially funded by state and/or federal grants. Most grant programs require matching funds of 50%. THF matches funding at 100% through generous member donations.

Since its creation, Tomorrow's Foundation has assisted about 800 Wisconsin families with the rehabilitation of their home. Plus, almost 500 old mobile homes have either been recycled or landfilled.

If you would like assistance or to make a donation, visit [www.tomorrowshomefoundation.org](http://www.tomorrowshomefoundation.org) or contact Laurie Mercurio at (608) 255-1088 or [laurie@housingalliance.us](mailto:laurie@housingalliance.us).



Before and after pictures of the home of THF Recipient,  
67-year-old Esther Schroeder of Tomah, WI