

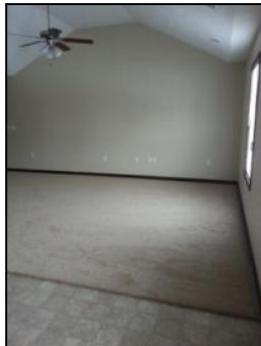
A Snowy Day And A Community Neighborhood of 24 New Houses!

A PUBLIC NEIGHBORHOOD CREATED THROUGH COLLABORATION



It was cold in Neosho, MO when these pictures were taken. **Forget the cold.** Imagine a warm day: A lot of people living here, neighbors visiting, people barbecuing, children playing outside. Imagine the sunlight streaming in through windows while dinner is being cooked in the kitchen. Imagine how happy people will be to live in

brand new, affordable, rental houses. The homes feature three bedrooms and two baths, a living room with a vaulted ceiling, a dining area, a full kitchen, a two-car attached garage, and a storm shelter in each home. Each home has an open floor plan, too, which greatly benefits anyone who has mobility challenges! Four of the homes have some Universal Design features. Rents are controlled permanently, making the homes truly affordable for people who have low incomes. The homes are conveniently located roughly 1 mile away from Wal-Mart in Neosho. Best of all, these homes were built not for individuals who have disabilities, but for the general public. If a person who has I/DD happened to move there, they will be able to participate in the regular life of the neighborhood and community.



Collaboration between the Joplin Regional Office sponsored housing team (Housing Options of Missouri Expanded), Affordable Homes, Inc., and the Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation (MO Housing) made this neighborhood a reality. These partners engaged in sustained communication about the need for single family dwellings, the need for greater accessibility and the daily life realities members of the disability community face. For a small community like Neosho, where quality affordable homes have been scarce, these homes represent the fulfillment of a once unattainable dream for many people.



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