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I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Housing Authority Committee and all the employees who took part in the renovation of my house including [REDACTED] who put in order my application and finalized all paper work for me.

In 2008 when I was recuperating from my cancer surgery, Darrell and his assistant from the Native American Housing Consultants came to make a field assessment on my house. In summer of 2011 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came to give me delightful news. They told me, "You are scheduled to have improvements done on your house." I was ecstatic. I was so happy to hear the good news. I felt like I had hit the jackpot.

The contractors came after Thanksgiving to begin renovation on the house. My doors were in dire need of replacement. When the weather got cold and windy I would stuff plastic bags between the frames and doors to stop the cold from coming in. The doors were replaced and are now air tight. There is no more cold air and my house is warmer. This cuts down on my heating bills. Two windows were replaced. Before, I would put plastic sheets and tape them up. Snakes and mice came in through the cracks and openings. The ceilings were sealed. In the kitchen, the sheet rock was replaced and painted. The living room sheet rock was removed and exposed beams were left. These were cleaned and sealed. Insulation was placed around the edges of the ceiling where the wall was exposed. Track lights were placed between the beams. Oh, it looks so beautiful!

The bathroom is like night and day! My brother, [REDACTED], had put in the commode and shower. The shower was not level and the water did not drain well. The commode was ancient and part of it was stuck in the wall. I tried to fix the wall around the tank but was not very successful. Bugs and lizards would come in from the space between the walls from the store room. The small room where the hot water tank was located was not properly enclosed. The contractors put sheet rock all around the top and sides. They also put a new door – before, there was no door.

The next enormous project was the plastering of the outside walls. The walls were cracked and parts of the old plaster came off leaving parts of the adobe exposed. The plaster crew screened over the old plaster and then plastered it with cement and, finally, stuccoing of the walls. The gutter was installed to catch the rain and snow water. Now the [REDACTED] house looks so beautiful. It is singing happy tunes on the hill!

Thanks to all of you, the [REDACTED] Pueblo Housing Authority, Native American Housing Consultants and the [REDACTED] Construction Company. I am now warm, comfortable and safe in my [REDACTED] house.

The scope of work that was performed on the [REDACTED] house is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Louise [REDACTED]