

# Putting Hope Above All



## Situation

Not many people know what it's like to be 35 years old with a wife, three children, and a mortgage, — and fight a battle with leukemia. Yet, this was the situation faced by Jerry Reese of Prairie, Mississippi. The husband and father could not work because of the extreme fatigue caused by chemotherapy. Then, the roof of his home began to leak, getting progressively worse for more than a year. Mr. Reese didn't know where to turn.

## Solution

Community volunteer Ann Tackett heard of the Reese family's plight and helped Mr. Reese apply for a grant through the Special Needs Assistance Program offered by Community Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas).

SNAP grants are available through FHLB Dallas member institutions, such as Community Bank, on a first-come, first-served basis to assist income-qualified, special-needs homeowners with emergency home repairs and modifications. Since its inception in 2009, FHLB Dallas has awarded more than \$7.3 million in SNAP grants through members to assist 1,464 eligible homeowners. In 2015, FHLB Dallas has made available \$1.5 million in SNAP funds.

## Results

With the new metal roof paid for by a \$5,000 SNAP grant, Mr. Reese and his family now live without raindrops falling on their heads. "It made us happy," he said. "We definitely needed it." Ms. Tackett said she has helped other residents in the area of Aberdeen, Mississippi. "SNAP provides home repairs for people who may have no place else to turn," she said. "It really hits home. It provides critical, emergency home repairs that make the difference between whether or not a family lives in a safe home.

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— Ann Tackett, Community Volunteer who helped the Reeses apply for a SNAP grant from Community Bank

### Individual Benefit

\$5,000 Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP) award

### Beneficiary

Jerry Reese & Family,  
Prairie, Mississippi

### Participating Member

Community Bank

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