



**“I think people have a misconception about folks who need help in life. I am your neighbor. I work and raise a good kid. I go to church with you. I volunteer with you. I’m just a regular person trying to live a good life.”
-Tina**

I AM JUST A REGULAR PERSON TRYING TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE

Tina came to Couleecap after purchasing her first home. A single mom raising a son and working full time for a local church, Tina was on a tight budget. Her new home was a “fixer-upper” and was going to need some work.

After qualifying for Energy Assistance through her county, Tina’s home also qualified for home weatherization. Being a first-time homeowner meant that Tina was on a learning curve. However, Couleecap staff were patient and informative during her initial energy audit. Tina was thankful that Couleecap staff were thorough and never made her feel silly for asking basic questions. The energy audit revealed that the home would benefit from converting the heating fuel from fuel oil to natural gas. Other energy-saving measures included a gas water heater, a new properly vented bathroom fan, insulation, and air-sealing measures.

The amount of money and work Tina saved by participating in the weatherization program has been life-changing. As a single mom on a tight budget, lower heating bills means that Tina has more money to spend on other basic needs for her children.

Couleecap’s home weatherization program pays for itself. For every \$1 invested in the program, Couleecap produces \$3 in energy savings. For single parents, working families, and our elderly community members this program not only means lower energy bills but savings that can be spent on other basic needs.

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Our Mission

Couleecap fights poverty and promotes self-sufficiency, economic development, and social justice. We are **People Helping People**, and every day our actions make a difference in the lives of people and families throughout the Coulee Region.