

Couleecap's Healthy Homes Project ensures a Healthy Community



Homeowners know how overwhelming regular home maintenance can be. Home repairs can be difficult because of the time and cost involved. However, ignoring issues can impact the health and safety of families and regular home maintenance can prevent more expensive problems in the future.

For rural homeowners with private wells, one of the most important tasks is an annual well water test to ensure that wells are free from contaminants and safe for families. But the yearly expense can be a barrier for many people.

Iris, a rural Vernon County resident, was referred to Couleecap's Healthy Homes Project for a water quality test. Prior to our test Iris had been primarily drinking bottled water rather than drinking from the tap at her home because she didn't trust the water and thought it was off. Test results indicated her well was contaminated with bacteria and measures were taken to disinfect the well. Unfortunately, the disinfection efforts were not successful, and the well is being replaced. Couleecap was able to help Iris navigate the process and access funding for the repairs.

Iris is grateful that there are programs available to help provide resources to working homeowners with large projects. Iris would have struggled to afford the repair because it's "often when you are at your lowest an expensive repair needs to be made to your home." Iris will know that her water is safe and she wants to share that peace of mind with others. She recommended Couleecap to her brother and a friend from work so her loved ones can live in safe and healthy environments too.

Couleecap programs, such as our Healthy Homes Project, serve thousands of people in the Coulee Region each year. These programs are possible because of the financial support we receive from donors like you. Your support has given Iris the help she needed.

"Couleecap is a wonderful program that helps people repair things they would not have been able to on their own and live a more comfortable life."

-Iris Wendlandt

Couleecap
your local community *action* program



A United Way member agency

A equal opportunity employer and service provider.
Auxiliary aids and services available upon request.

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.