

# HOME Success Stories

Alabama



The HOME Coalition  
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## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**Location:** Mobile

**Project:** Supportive Housing for Formerly Homeless Families

**HOME:** \$258,000

**Total Cost:** \$258,000

**Other Federal:** N/A

**Units:** 2

**District:** AL-01

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### City of Mobile

The City of Mobile, Alabama Community and Housing Development Department (CHD) administers federal funds that the city receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and an Emergency Solutions Grant.

CHD uses these funds for a variety of community, housing, and economic development initiatives throughout the City of Mobile for the benefit of low- and moderate-income communities and households. CHD uses HOME funds to support a variety of affordable housing programs, including down payment assistance for low-income homebuyers and the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing.

### Delaware Double

The Mayor of Mobile, Alabama, Mr. Sandy Stimpson, has identified tackling blight as one of his major initiatives for the city, especially in the community's older neighborhoods. Completed in 2015, the Delaware Double project is an excellent example of Mobile's commitment to not only remove blight, but to neighborhood redevelopment and affordable housing.

The Delaware Double project includes the new construction of two two-bedroom, 750-square-foot, affordable rental housing units. It was financed with \$258,000 in HOME funds administered by CHD. The duplex is located on a formerly vacant and blighted lot in the South Oakleigh neighborhood, one of the city's newly designated revitalization areas. The City of Mobile acquired the lot through its Neighborhood Renewal Program (NRP), which allows the city to obtain the title to tax-delinquent and abandoned properties.

Family Promise of Coastal Alabama, a local nonprofit that works with families transitioning out of homelessness, will work with the city to place families in the property, which will remain affordable for at least 20 years. With the Delaware Double project, Family Promise will be able to offer housing as part of its services for the first time. Executive Director Teresa Ramsey believes it will give families more time to gain stability. "It allows them to save up income for another place at some time or just to get things in order financially."

Today, the Delaware Double project is a beautiful, fenced, and landscaped property that will serve as stable, reasonably priced homes for the city's most vulnerable residents.

