Violet Lewis—Loyall, KY

Appalachian CDFI Helps Elderly Woman Recover After Fire

Longtime Loyall resident Violet Lewis lost her home and treasured belongings in a late-night fire. On a fixed income and without insurance on her old house, Violet couldn’t afford a new home. She moved into an old mobile home, with two pieces of furniture, a chair, and a coffee table. Fahe, a CDFI serving the Appalachia region, helped Violet finance building a new house.

“I never thought I would be so blessed to have a place like this. It is magnificent. I know that when I come here I am home.”

Violet Lewis
Homeowner

Impact
- Violet’s home was the first Energy Star home built in Harlan County, KY
- Violet can afford housing and other expenses on a fixed-income
- Fahe’s network of 50+ nonprofits has guided more than 375,000 families to better lives, made more than $609MM in direct investments to the region, and achieved a total cumulative financial impact of over $1.26B

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