

## SUCCESS STORIES

### The Pittman's New Home

*Community Action Partnerships Work!*



Pittman's Home  
*Before*



Pittman's Home  
*After*

When Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Pittman of Isle of Wight County, Virginia looked around their home, they didn't see very much. In fact, for more than 30-years, their home lacked even the most basic standard indoor plumbing. Both in their 70s and suffering from various illnesses, the Pittmans were ready for a much better housing experience. Enter their adult children who got the ball rolling by helping their parents secure an apartment in order to guarantee healthier living conditions.

Sociologists often assert that there's nothing more beneficial than living on your own property near neighbors with whom you are most familiar. With that in mind, a determination was made that a public-private partnership should ultimately provide the best possible living experience for the Pittmans. That partnership, formed between the STOP Organization-Hampton Roads, Isle of Wight County, and the Western Tidewater Housing Consortium, helped smooth the path toward the development of a true, first class domicile. The Pittman's new home was designed with their unique situation in mind, including those amenities that make a home more livable for individuals with special needs.

Today, sadly, Mr. Pittman lives alone following the death of his beloved wife of many years. However, the Pittman children are secure in the knowledge that their father is living in a home that works for him and his specific needs; and it all was made possible by a public-private partnership that removed blighted property from Isle of Wight county space and, at the same time, gave an elderly citizen peace and security in his new home.