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Flood Victims get New Homes Thanks to Generous Donor

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It was an emotional day for the Harris and Smith families as they were able to see their new homes for the first time.

After the September 2012 flooding, the Harris and Smith families contacted the Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise and the Equal Justice Initiative for support. After they made several public appeals, an anonymous donor came forward and purchased two manufactured homes, one for each family, completely furnished.

We talked to the Harris family and this is what they would like to say to the person who gave them their new home:

"If only you knew what you did for my family, not only me, but for my family. I am truly grateful that you are able to put my family in a position where they don't have to worry anymore. I thank you so much," said Frank Harris.

"I want to say continue to do what you do. Don't let no one take that from you. And just thank you, thank you, thank you," said his wife, Rosa Harris.

The Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise says this was a community effort.

Many acts of goodwill, in addition to the donor, made this possible.

Two families in Lowndes County who lost their homes last year in a flash flood...now have a new place to call home thanks to an anonymous donor.