Fahe is on a mission to eliminate persistent poverty in Appalachia. We are a network organization comprised of 50+ members serving the Appalachian areas of Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, and Maryland.

Fahe uses its expertise in finance, collaboration, innovation, advocacy and communication to achieve a more prosperous Appalachian region, with a focus on Leadership, Housing, Education, Health and Social Services, and Economic Opportunity.

Success Story: The Tolbert Family, Knoxville, TN

Jesse and Heather Tolbert have two young sons and support Heather’s mom, Ruth. They rented a dilapidated house with $400 monthly utility bills. They were declined home loans by local banks, so they contacted Fahe member HomeSource east tennessee. According to HomeSource’s Chris Osborn, the Tolberts were close to meeting homeownership requirements; they simply needed someone to take time to help. By resolving credit issues and attending Homebuyer Education, they were able to purchase a new, energy efficient home.

“Our home has helped us achieve the American dream,” said Jesse. “The utilities are now $120. I can live now.”