

# A new Home

## A new Beginning



When the Garden Grove units were rehabilitated in 1989 the Juarez Family became one of the first tenants in the Buena Clinton neighborhood. Before living in the Garden Grove apartments the Juarez Family lived with two other families in a one bedroom apartment. Mrs. Juarez remembers how it was hard to cook and share the bathroom and especially try to raise a family. The Juarez family ways growing and they needed to have a safer and comfortable area for their family.

The Juarez family was grateful for the safer living conditions when they moved to the new apartments in Garden Grove. During this same time the family was able to reunify with their two older children that were still living in Mexico. The reunification of the family and living in a new apartment was a new beginning for the family. The family of 6 moved into a 3 bedroom apartment where they paid \$500 a month. For several years Mr. Juarez worked at the strawberry fields and was able to raise their children without economic hardships. Mrs. Juarez was happy to be able to raise her children and live with out anxiety of paying the next month rent. The family was able to save money to buy their own home, a dream that was impossible when they lived in a crowded one bedroom apartment.

The Juarez family grew during the time they lived in Garden Grove and is now composed of six children and one grandson. The oldest of their children has married and formed his own family. The youngest son is a senior at Santiago High School and is planning to follow in his older sisters footsteps and attend Orange Coast College. The Juarez children have grown up to be responsible and hard working adults that were able to achieve the dream of owning a home.

Today Mr. Juarez works for a roofing company and has continued to achieve their family's dreams of owning a home. The entire family now lives in a 4 bedroom and 2 bathroom house and moved in June 2007. Even though Mrs. Juarez is happy with her new home she misses the old neighborhood and is getting used to having a home. Mrs. Juarez is looking forward in planting many flowers in her new garden and enjoy playing with their 8 year old grandson in their new big back yard.

Congratulations to the Juarez Family one of the original families in OCCHC's Buena Clinton neighborhood who now with their own home they are providing a sense of security and stability in their lives.

