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“Thank you Habitat, I can’t wait to have my own room and a place where we feel safe.”



Habitat
for Humanity®
of Ventura County

Dear X,

When a family moves into a Habitat home, it has an immediate positive impact on their lives—financial stability, safety and peace of mind. Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County has so far helped 72 deserving families realize the dream of homeownership. Your donation today continues this important work and will change families' lives tomorrow, like the Alfaros'.

Nora Alfaro is a single mother living with her two children, Madelyn and Riky, in a small apartment. Not only do they live in an unsafe area, but there's mold throughout the apartment, which has negatively affected their health, especially her son Riky's, who is allergic. The apartment is so small that Riky is currently sleeping in the living room and doesn't have a space of his own.

Nora has tried to purchase a home for years but could never afford Ventura County's excessive home prices. She also struggles to save for her family's future because her rent is so high. Running out of options, Nora learned that Habitat Ventura County was accepting applications for homeownership in Port Hueneme, and she applied. The day she got the call that her family had been selected, she was overjoyed.

“Where we live currently isn't a safe or healthy place for my family. Moving into a new home where my children can grow up and thrive is everything I've always wanted for my family, but it was always out of reach financially. We are so grateful for this opportunity. It will change our lives completely,” said Nora.

Five families, including Nora's, will partner with us this year in building their future homes alongside volunteers, and once they're built, will purchase their new homes for an affordable mortgage. The benefits of homeownership last for generations—families build wealth, invest in themselves and their communities, and break the cycle of poverty.

We have also learned more about the long-term impact our homeownership program has had on Habitat Ventura County families. We surveyed all 72 of our homeowners and **100 percent of respondents said their overall sense of safety and well-being improved** after moving into their Habitat home. Ninety-two percent said their children's grades improved, 79 percent said their health improved, and 79 percent said their incomes increased. You can find more results from this survey on the reverse side of this letter. This is your generosity and kindness at work!

Your last gift of XXX on XXX helped two deserving families become first-time homeowners in Camarillo, opening up a new world of opportunity for themselves and their children. We invite you to make a gift to Habitat Ventura County today and help more families secure safe, decent and affordable housing. With your help, we can build a county where everyone has a decent place to live.

Thank you in advance for helping us offer a “hand up” to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darcy Taylor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Darcy Taylor
Chief Executive Officer



Habitat Ventura's long-term impact

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Thanks to the kindness and compassion of people like you, Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County has so far helped 72 deserving families realize the dream of homeownership. This year, five more families have partnered with us to become first-time homeowners in Port Hueneme, including Mayra and Jose Rodriguez.

Like many young couples in Ventura County, Mayra and Jose have struggled to purchase a home for years. Both their families and their careers are in Ventura County, yet they weren't able to afford a house in the place they've always called home. Homeownership for their family seemed not only out of reach, but impossible.

The hardworking couple, Jose a carpenter and Mayra a kindergarten teacher, currently live with Mayra's parents in their home. Living with family was the only option for them as they saved to one day have a place of their own.

“We work hard and want to start a family of our own, but also want to be financially stable and have our own place for our future kids to grow up and have space. Plus, we want our own space as a married couple. That’s everything a young, hardworking couple or person should be able to achieve. I know this is a struggle many young people just like us are facing,” said Mayra.

Frustrated and disappointed after years of trying to purchase a home, they applied for Habitat Ventura County's homeownership program. When they got the call that they had been selected, they knew everything was about to change.

“It was like a sigh of relief, and our lives can finally begin! Everything is finally falling into place. We’re so grateful to Habitat. They are making our dreams come true,” said Mayra.

Homeownership changes lives. It's a path out of poverty—homeowners are better able to build wealth and invest in themselves and their communities.

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Your support of our work is changing lives. We invite you to join us in helping more families in need of affordable housing by making a gift to Habitat Ventura County today. With your help, we can build a county where everyone has a decent place to live.

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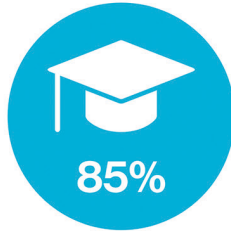
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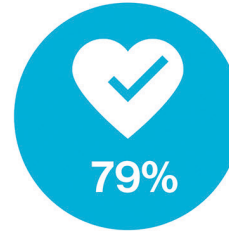
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