

October 26, 2014



Upcoming Events

10.28.14 Annual Resident Advisory Committee Meeting

11.01.14 CAP College Tours: Cal Poly Pomona & Pomona College

11.15.14 CAP College Tours: UC Riverside & Loma Linda University

11.15.14 CAP Meeting: Race Relations

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Dear Friend,

The Reyes family came to OCCHC/SteppingUP in October 2013 after falling on extremely hard times. It has been a year since the family has been living in OCCHC/SteppingUP's affordable housing and they are now on their way towards greater self-sufficiency.

In the past year, Jose found work as an Account Representative at a supply company where he is now earning over \$10,000 more per year. The Reyes children are now able to focus on their studies and bettering themselves since moving into OCCHC/SteppingUP's affordable housing. The youngest son is a junior at Los Altos High School and the oldest son is a full time college student juggling classes at both Golden West and Orange Coast College.



Jose and his wife have made an effort to be more active in their community in light of all of the opportunities that they have been afforded. Jose has provided children in the Oak View community with a positive outlet in their spare time by running basketball drills. He also serves as a liaison between the community and the OCCHC Family Mentoring staff by reporting any concerns or issues. He is committed to keeping his neighborhood safe and has been quick to respond in emergency situations. When a tragic shooting took place in his area, Jose was one of the first to call law enforcement and follow up on future safety procedures.

Without the many resources that OCCHC/*SteppingUP* has available, the Reyes family might still be living in a motel or car and may not be able to make ends meet. In just a year the family's standard of living has dramatically improved. The devotion that Jose has to succeed, along with the support *SteppingUP* provides him, make it possible for him and his family to continue to grow and prosper even when faced with adversity.

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