



# VISION

*"Transforming lives through simple, decent and affordable housing"*

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The Mendez family has always been devoted to their faith. They believed that God would some day bless them with a home to call their own. Jenny met Daniel Mendez while he was doing some missionary work in New Jersey. Originally from San Antonio, Daniel brought his wife back home so they would have his family around for support. Jenny, born and raised in Honduras, was happy to make San Antonio her home. They rented a two-bedroom duplex through mutual

friends Daniel had met while doing migrant work. Over the years the family grew to five, but the home never grew with them. While it was a roof over their heads, it did not meet the standards of what a home should be—the house was falling apart. There was no yard, it was overcrowded, and all the children shared one tiny room.

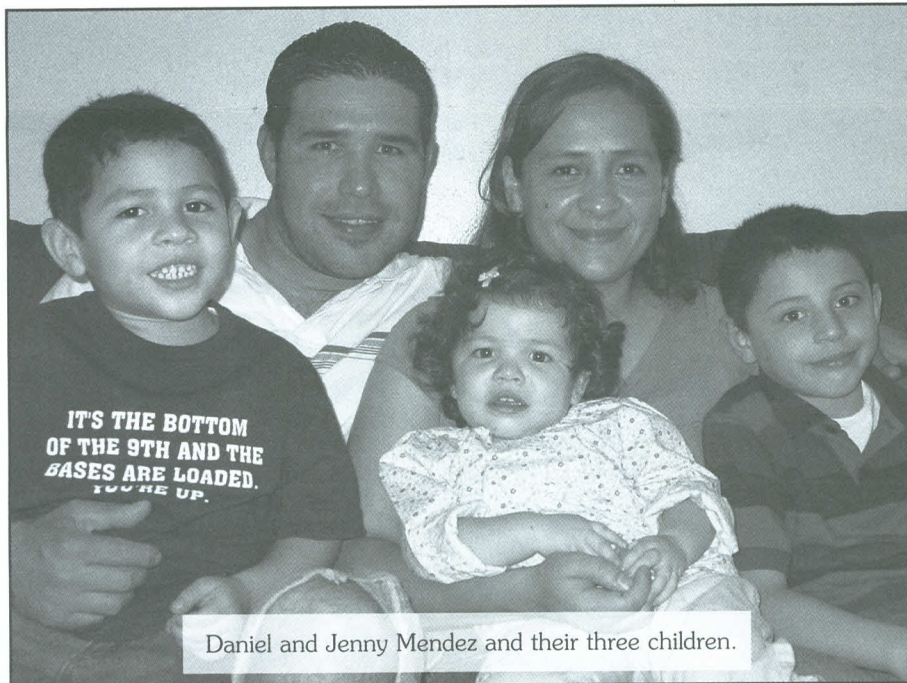
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Daniel is a hard worker and worked his way up to become an apprentice, and hopes some day to be a licensed electrician. They did what they could, but

## Meet the Mendez Family



Daniel and Jenny Mendez and their three children.

the amount of household income presented obstacles when looking to purchase a decent and affordable home. For years, they had no luck.

One day a school teacher from the family's church approached Jenny with information about Habitat for Humanity's building program. Jenny was ecstatic, and knew that God had officially blessed them with the chance to build their own home. Jenny and Daniel were thrilled to learn that they qualified right away and were on their way to becoming first time homeowners. Jenny and Daniel have worked very hard on working toward their 300 hours of sweat equity. When asked about Habitat's building program, Jenny says, "it is not something you are pulling your hair out to make payments, it is something you can afford, and the house is beautiful." The families, especially the boys, are excited about the yard, and the room they will have to play in their bedrooms.

The Mendez house will be built through the combined efforts of Bank One, Broadway National Bank, Friends of Habitat, Oak Hills Church/Trinity Baptist, the Real Estate Section of the San Antonio Bar Association, and State Farm.

Jenny adds, "For anybody who believes there are no good people in the world, think again. Habitat for Humanity is amazing, and I am so excited to be a part of it."



A member of Sunset Ridge Church of Christ's youth group writes Biblical scripture on the 2x4's of a Habitat home on September 18th, the *International Day of Prayer*.

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## Buy that Special Gift this Holiday Season

Are you dreading the hustle and bustle of buying presents this holiday season? Trying to figure out what to get for your favorite aunt or uncle who has everything? We have the solution for you.

Consider a very special gift for your friend or loved one this holiday season. Rather than go through the hassle of searching for and buying that perfect gift for your loved one, you can make a donation in their honor to Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio (HFHSA). It's easy to do:

1. Decide who on your list will be getting this very special gift.
2. Send your donation and the names and addresses of your honorees to Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, 311 Probandt, San Antonio, TX 78204. Make checks payable to Habitat for Humanity of SA. Gifts must be \$10 or greater per person.
3. Sit back and relax -- HFHSA will take care of the rest - we will mail out cards to your honorees and let them know that you made a donation in their honor. We do not disclose the amount of your gift.

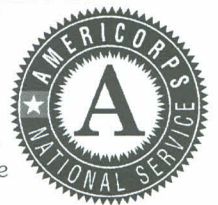
This is a great way to help HFHSA build houses with families who need a simple and decent place to live. It's also a great way to save you from that dreaded Christmas shopping!



AmeriCorps Members: standing (l-r) Molly Haas, Brett Boyle, Leigh Banfill, Ari Brown; seated (l-r) Andrew Margolin, and Michael Montoya.

## HFHSA Welcomes the 2005-2006 AmeriCorps Members

The new additions to the HFHSA team will play a major part in our construction, family services and volunteer services departments. HFHSA is excited to have these new members:



- **Brett Boyle** is a graduate of University of Texas, and served as an AmeriCorps for the NCCC program. She has recently chosen to take a break from teaching middle school to serve as a construction member in San Antonio.
- **Ari Brown** is a graduate of Brandeis University with a degree in economics and joins us from Boston, Massachusetts as a construction member.
- **Andrew Margolin** is from Iowa City, and just recently served as an AmeriCorps for the NCCC program and is eager to work in Construction.
- **Leigh Banfill** is from Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is excited to be in San Antonio to strengthen her Spanish and work in Construction.
- **Molly Haas** is from Seattle, Washington, and graduated from Trinity University with a degree in Communications, and will be serving in Volunteer Services.
- **Michael Montoya** is from San Antonio and will serve in Family Services. He is a graduate of St. Mary's University with a degree in Philosophy.

The AmeriCorps members are excited to be serving in San Antonio for the next 11 months. Feel free to introduce yourself and say hello if you see them out on the site or in the office.

