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Meet the Barreto Family

Alejandro Barreto first moved to the area from Mexico in 1995. He later went back to Mexico to get married and brought his wife, Miguelina Perez, to Bryan in 2000.

Now with three kids, Alejandro and Miguelina are working hard to succeed in this country and give their children (Alex – 13, Eric – 11, Sarai – 3) a better life. Alejandro has worked for Brazos Valley Services Construction for seven years and Miguelina works at Schlotzky's on University in College Station.


The family has rented in a trailer park for the last 13 years. The first trailer they stayed in (for ten years) was old and falling apart, with holes in the floor and walls. The trailer they have now is better – there's only one hole in the floor – but the windows still leak when it rains. The neighborhood is also not good for a family, with regular burglaries and vandalism.

"We want a place that is more safe and will allow our family to be happier," Alejandro said. Miguelina added that she wants to live where her kids can play outside and be safe.

However, buying a house is just "too difficult," Alejandro explained. He doesn't have any credit and couldn't even get approved to buy living room furniture, let alone get a loan to buy a house.

So the family applied to Habitat and was selected in February to build a Habitat home. The couple immediately got to work completing their "sweat equity hours," working at the ReStore and on other families' Habitat homes. In just three months they completed over 300 hours.

Construction on the Barreto home will start this summer. Alejandro is excited that soon he won't have to pay rent anymore. Instead he'll pay a mortgage on his own home and said he plans to pay it off by age 60.

"We give thanks to God," Alejandro expressed, "because without Habitat we would not be able to get a home." 



The Barreto Family: Alejandro and Miguelina with their children (Sarai - 3, Eric - 11, Alex - 13).

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