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Meet the Martinez Family



Family: Jose & Ana Martinez with - Maria (13), Jayden (1), Julian (9), and Edgar (3).

This happy couple met in 2000 while at a dance hall, and have been together ever since. Ana, a Bryan native, and her husband, Jose, currently live in Bryan with their four children: Maria (13), Julian (9), Edgar (3), and Jayden (1). Ana describes the second youngest, Edgar, as a “silly little toddler”. He loves to ask his parents questions and play games with them. Jayden, their infant has caused many laughs and tears for the family. Ana and Jose also have two older kids, their middle school volleyball and basketball player, Maria, and Julian, their nine year old, who enjoys playing all sorts of sports.

The family currently lives in a two-bedroom apartment in a heavily trafficked area, which worries Ana and Jose. They don't feel comfortable allowing their kids to play in the street, especially their younger children. Along with that, six people are squeezed into two bedrooms with the two oldest kids sharing a room and with the couple along with the two younger kids sharing the other room.

A Habitat home will provide so much peace, space, opportunity, and safety for this family. The stress of squeezing so many people into a two-bedroom apartment is becoming very difficult for the family, and a Habitat home will solve many of the stresses this family is facing. Maria and Julian will be able to proudly invite friends over.

Ana and Jose have been dreaming about owning their own home, especially a Habitat home, for quite some time, and just like all of us, having a dream fulfilled is about all this couple can think about. This family has learned both patience and perseverance through having applied to Habitat three times, and finally being admitted into the program on their fourth attempt.

The kids are eager to have a spacious home and are ready to help their parents with their sweat equity hours. Ana has just started performing her sweat equity hours. She plans to continue to perform her hours every day after 2:30 after she leaves her job at Bryan ISD. Because Jose has a full-time job in irrigation, most of the sweat equity hours will be Ana's responsibility.

Ana's sisters, all of whom live in Bryan, are going to be the biggest support for her throughout this whole process. Ana told us “I am thankful to God for having this miracle happen. The countless prayers are finally coming true. I never thought I'd make it this far. I never thought my kids would have a place called home.” From the bottom of her heart, she wants to thank Habitat for helping her dreams come true.



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