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Families Achieve Homeownership

Housing Authority's Homeownership Assistance Program Opens New Doors for 6 Families

(San Bernardino, CA) Six families become proud homeowners throughout San Bernardino County thanks to the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino's (HACSB) Homeownership Assistance Program. These families include a combination of low-income families who managed to overcome their financial barriers and took advantage of the housing market to move into their own homes. Their new homes are located in the Cities of Barstow, Colton, Fontana, Highland, Rialto, and Redlands.

The homeownership program provides families with guidance and can refer families to workshops such as homeownership counseling, credit repair, and money management to begin their path towards homeownership. Participating families make a commitment to establish a long term career and become financially stable prior to becoming homeowners.

"Never in a million years would I have imagined that I would become a homeowner. I feel better about myself now. My confidence level has soared to new heights" states Ruth, a new homeowner in Rialto. Previously, Ruth had lived in affordable housing for 15 years, but thanks to the participation in the homeownership program, she improved her credit score, began saving, and purchased her home.

"Our goal at the Housing Authority is to help families reach self-sufficiency and achieve an enriched quality of life, and through these homeownership opportunities families are achieving this goal. On a yearly basis, families use housing assistance programs as a stepping stone to move forward in life, and these families are the perfect example," expresses Susan Benner, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.

"This program was a very good experience for me. I am truly grateful that I have been given this opportunity," states Jalena, a single mom of 3 who moved to Fontana. She continues and gives advice to future homeowners: "For other families I would suggest continuing to put a little bit more money aside while you are going through Escrow for unforeseen events."

The Housing Authority staff looks forward to continuing to assist more low-income families become homeowners.

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The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the largest public housing agencies in California, providing the critical resource of housing to a clientele of which the majority are seniors, persons with disabilities and children. From providing housing and home ownership, to job training and childcare, the Housing Authority helps tens of thousands of people to elevate their lives every day. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit www.hacsb.com