

## THE HERNANDEZ FAMILY

## NORTH CHICAGO, IL



### Filiberto and Lluvia

Filiberto Hernandez moved to the United States from Mexico to create a better life for his family of four. Soon after arriving, his 18 year old son died suddenly and he and his wife divorced. He found work in a meat factory, Kalle USA, where he frequently works overtime. His 22 year old daughter, Lluvia, can't live with him due to his poor housing conditions. Berto's mother lives in Mexico and is sick. He is eager to move her into his home when it is complete so he can care for her in a safe and beautiful home.

Berto rents a basement in a house which is dark and depressing. He sleeps on the floor on a mattress and has little furniture. The shower is very dirty and inadequate. He heats food on a hotplate and stores food in the landlord's refrigerator upstairs but frequently finds his food gone when he returns to eat it.

Since being accepted into Habitat, Berto has completed the Habitat Education Program and participates in monthly budgeting. He is completing his 500 hours of "sweat equity" including work at his rehab home which was donated by the family of an older couple. Marilyn and Don Sweeney, the sponsors of the home, are referred to as "The House that Spreads Love" because they have sponsored six Habitat for Humanity Lake County homes since 2003.

"Being selected as a partner family is a blessing from God. It would be an amazing opportunity to own a home. I am committed to the partnership with Habitat and to work hard while learning new skills such as home maintenance and budgeting. In the future, I would like to remarry and make my family. I would like to thank Habitat for this life-changing opportunity."

Filiberto Hernandez

### HOME DEDICATION

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 • 1:00-2:00PM**

**1107 Victoria Ave, North Chicago, IL 60064-1136**