



# EMPOWERING FAMILIES

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## June 2015 Edition

WHP Spring Luncheon and a Client Story

### WHP Spring Luncheon Success

WHP was proud to have Dr. Robert Sanborn, CEO, Children at Risk (pictured above on right with Susan Bolling, WHP Executive Director and Betsy Bagley, WHP board member) speak at our luncheon on April 28 at the Houston Racquet Club. Dr. Sanborn shared valuable information about how critical early education is to all children and what the community can do to see that all children have access to it. We had a great gathering of over 100 members of the community. A big thank you to the below supporters for making this luncheon a reality!



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### Home Sweet Home, indeed

WHP is thrilled to partner with Stacy Perry, Kim Robinson & Karen Steininger, our Home Sweet Home Designers, who recently gifted a whole home makeover to Jose Cazun and his three daughters, Guadalupe, Deniz & Brianna. Working with their friends, family and personal connections, the designers collect financial contributions and donations of furniture and décor to redo a home of a WHP client family that has successfully completed the 9 month Hand Up program. The transformations are amazing. The Cazun family was overwhelmed by the new look of their apartment and the girls were super grateful to have so many girly touches.



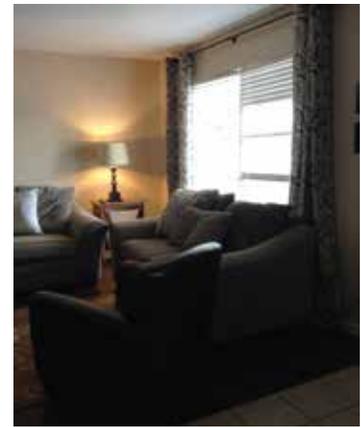
Before of bedroom



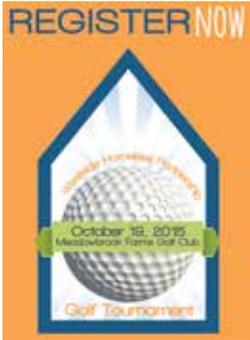
Before of living room



After of bedroom



After of living room



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### The Ayala Family

Berenice Ayala and her husband, Jorge, have four children, ages 10, 9, 7, and 2. In January 2014, Berenice switched from being a part-time to a full-time student at the University of Houston Downtown, pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, with the goal of graduating this May. With this goal in mind, she decided to quit her job, making Jorge the primary provider for their family. Unfortunately, Jorge's work with a construction company was unstable due to weather conditions. Soon their financial problems began to unravel and one income was not enough to sustain the family. It was a very stressful time the Ayalas, and then they received an eviction notice. Once Berenice met with the apartment manager and explained the family's situation, she was referred to WHP for assistance. The family entered the Hand-up Housing program and they were so grateful to WHP for helping them get their life back on track and that their children could stay in the same schools. After entering the program, Berenice obtained a part-time job as a receptionist for an oil company and continued her studies full-time. Things began to get better financially and the family was finally stable once again.

We are so proud to announce that Berenice graduated this May from UHD. She's extremely excited and can't wait to start her career in accounting!