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**MAYOR FOSTER OF LONG BEACH DELIVERS THE GOOD NEWS TO  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S NEWEST HOMEOWNERS**

*The Lopez Family Selected as Partner Family for Home Sponsored by Mayor Foster*

Long Beach, CA – July 07, 2010: On Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> the Lopez family learned that their American dream of homeownership would soon come true. Not only have they been selected as a [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles](#) (HFH GLA) partner family, they have also been selected as the recipients of the organization's Mayor's Build home. The Mayor's Build home is sponsored by Mayor Bob Foster, who was one of the many representatives from the City of Long Beach who joined the Good News Caravan to help HFH GLA deliver the news to the Lopez family. Construction on the Mayor's Build home is slated to begin in early 2011 and Mayor Foster will volunteer to help build the home alongside members of the Lopez family and local volunteers. Union Bank generously donated \$25,000 toward the Mayor's Build home and its employees will also volunteer to build.

“It was a pleasure to meet the Lopez family and tell them the great news that they were selected to be the recipients of the HFH GLA's Mayor's Build home,” said Mayor Bob Foster. “We're all looking forward to helping them build and move into their new Long Beach home.”

The Lopez family has resided in Long Beach for many years. Enrique Lopez works for St. Mary Hospital in Long Beach providing housekeeping services and Sonia Lopez works for the Long Beach Unified School District as a childcare worker. The children, Angel (14) and Anthony (7), are currently students in the Long Beach Unified School District. Their youngest son, Adan, is a thriving one-year-old.

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“Partnering with community leaders, like Mayor Bob Foster, is so important because it helps us not only transform the lives of our partner families but entire neighborhoods,” said Erin Rank, President/CEO of HFH GLA. “We can’t wait see the Mayor and his amazing team building alongside the Lopez family.”

The Lopez family qualified for homeownership by meeting income guidelines, demonstrating need and agreeing to give 500 hours of “sweat equity”, which will include building their home and volunteering at other Habitat for Humanity locations. In addition to Mayor Bob Foster and HFH GLA staff, Councilmember Robert Garcia, CD1; LBHDC Commissioner Stacy McDaniel; Union Bank Vice President & Branch Manager Doug Jenkins; City of Long Beach staff and LBHDC staff were all on hand to deliver the good news to the Lopez family.

**About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles**

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