

## WHO WILL BE IN THE NEXT GROUP OF HOUSTON HABITAT FAMILIES?



Gloria Tucker

The Linares Family

Last year, Gloria Tucker and Maria Linares were among 37 families selected to participate in Houston Habitat for Humanity's Home Ownership program. Today, they are happy owners of their new homes in Harrel Park, a community in Northeast Houston.

On Thursday evening, **June 26<sup>th</sup>**, 23 families will also realize their dream to purchase their own homes. "We had over 717 families that signed in at the February Application Fair," said Betty Barrientos-Molina, Manager of Family services, "Families came from over 111 different zip codes." These numbers represent a wide range of need for affordable housing. Of those attending, 115 completed applications were turned in.

The Family Reveal is the event where the next "class" of future homeowners learn that they have been accepted in the Habitat building program as Family Partners. They are being told that this is a final interview with the Board of Directors, and will be asked to go into a separate meeting room to be assessed and prepped for the interview. They were told that after their interview, they will be notified at a later date if they were selected. Once the brief "interviews" are done, the Family Partners are announced. This will be a surprise to the families selected and they will not know that they are selected until that moment.

### **Timeline for Reveal [Please ask for updated Run of Show when checking in]**

**Thursday June 26, 2014 @ approximately 6:00pm**

**United Way of Greater Houston, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77007**

5:30 pm- Guests arrive and greeted

5:30pm- Family partners check in [escorted to separate room]



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- 5:43 pm- Bill Wong (Board Chair) welcomes guests
- 5:45 pm- United Way Message
- 5:47 pm- Bring families into auditorium
- 5:50 pm- Interviews (Betty Barrientos-Molina, Manager of Family services)
- 6:05 pm- Reveal – Names of families announced**
- 6:15 pm- Closing Remarks (Allison Hay, Executive Director)
- 6:17 pm to 7:30 pm reception

Attached are brief profiles of the families. (Habitat 2 Homes are existing homes that former Family Partners have lived in; paid off their mortgage, or circumstances caused them to relocate.)

### **ABOUT HOUSTON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

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