



## **American AgCredit and CoBank Team with Habitat for Humanity as House Partners to Help a Sonoma County Family**

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American AgCredit and CoBank have made an extraordinary \$42,000 House Partners grant to assist a family in attaining a Habitat for Humanity home in Sonoma County. This new partnership gives a strong boost to Habitat for Humanity's efforts to create decent affordable housing for residents of Sonoma County.

### **About the Family**

Alberto and Maria Garcia have been married for 18 years, and have 4 sons ranging in age from 4 to 17. They are a hard-working immigrant family with permanent resident status. Alberto has worked as a butcher at Rancho Feeding Corporation for 12 years, and Maria works at Sonoma Tilemakers in Windsor. All 4 boys, who are doing well in school, share a room in the family's current small apartment

The family is currently working their 500 hours of sweat equity as part of the qualification process to be able to attain a Habitat for Humanity home.

### **About American AgCredit**

Founded in 1916, American AgCredit specializes in providing financial services to agricultural and rural customers throughout California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Kansas and Oklahoma, as well as to capital markets customers in more than 30 states across the nation. American AgCredit serves customers through branch offices located throughout the Western and Midwestern states, with corporate headquarters in Santa Rosa. American AgCredit offers a broad range of agricultural loan and leasing services from winery, orchard, timber, row crops and dairy financing to country homes loans, equipment leasing and construction financing.

### **About CoBank**

CoBank is a national cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. The bank provides loans, leases, export financing and other financial services to agribusinesses and rural power, water and communications providers in all 50 states. CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture and the nation's rural economy. In addition to serving its direct retail borrowers, the bank also provides wholesale loans and other financial services to affiliated Farm Credit associations serving more than 70,000 farmers, ranchers and other rural borrowers in 23 states around the country.

### **About Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County (HfHSoCo) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. HfHSoCo is a faith-based organization dedicated to improving lives by building modest, affordable homes in partnership with our communities and people in need. Our vision is for Sonoma County families in need to have a simple, decent place to live. Since the inception of the Sonoma County Habitat for Humanity affiliate in 1984, the nonprofit organization has built and renovated 31 homes in the county, with three more currently under construction. Complete details on how to donate to Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County, how to volunteer, or how to apply to become a Habitat partner family is available at [www.HabitatSoCo.org](http://www.HabitatSoCo.org) or by calling (707) 578-7707.