News from Spanish Coalition for Housing

A Holiday Success Story

For SCH client, Maria Soto, this year’s holidays are especially joyous.

Maria is a long-time Chicago resident who has overcome many obstacles in her lifetime. She suffers from severe asthma among a number of other health problems and was living in sub-standard housing that exacerbated those problems. Due to a disability she lives on a fixed income, which made it difficult for her to find a new affordable apartment. Wanting to improve her situation, she went to her Alderman to see what resources were available to her.

Maria was referred to SCH through 31st Ward Alderman, Ray Suarez, because he knew of SCH's reputation in the community. When SCH Landlord Specialist, Edward Skoda, and Rental Department Supervisor, Carmen Landecho, learned of Maria's case, they rushed to help her.

Maria's disability made it difficult for her to travel to SCH's office, so Carmen and Edward went to visit her in her apartment. They quickly realized
Maria's living situation was unhealthy due to the mildew and rodent problems plaguing her on a daily basis. They urged her to look for a new place to live and explained SCH's Homeless Prevention program, which assists clients to locate affordable rental units and overcome their financial challenges in securing safe and sustainable housing.

Maria said SCH staff promptly sent her a list of available apartments and she selected one that felt right for her. "When I went to see the apartment they came and picked me up. They're very understanding of my needs."

Additionally, SCH was able to provide her with the first month's rent and deposit for her new apartment through financial assistance from IDHS. Maria said SCH was incredibly helpful in every step of the process and that she would recommend this service to anyone going through a similar struggle.

Maria is now happily living in her new, clean and healthy apartment, and grateful to SCH. "I'm very thankful and appreciative for everything that Carmen and Edward did for me."

Everyone at SCH is always happy for success stories like Ms. Soto's. We encourage anyone who is at risk of eviction to contact us and use the Homeless Prevention program, so that you can experience a victory, too. From the SCH family to yours, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday!

SCH IS CLOSED FOR
THE HOLIDAYS!
Please see notice
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Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year!

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We would like to inform you that our offices will remain closed for the Holidays from December 24, 2014 to January 4, 2015. We will reopen on January 5, 2015.

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