

## SPANISH COALITION FOR HOUSING NEWS



### A CLIENT SUCCESS STORY:

## *Weathering the Storm*

When his brother was diagnosed with a brain tumor two years ago, Eric Morales couldn't believe it. Burdened with medical debts from a serious back injury that had cost him his job years before, the thought of living without his little brother felt unbearable. For Eric and his family, the cost of losing his brother was high - emotionally and financially. "We had to pay for burial and services," Eric says. "We were prepared, but we had only so much." Faced with over \$10,000 in funerary expenses, Eric needed help. Family and friends had told him about Spanish Coalition for Housing (SCH) when he lost his job, and, already familiar with our services, he contacted counselor Carmen Landecho to see what SCH could do.

"Life takes its course," Carmen reflects, "but mourning someone while going through a hardship is devastating."

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## Starting Over

When Maricela's landlord stopped collecting her rent so that he could evict her for non-payment, she had to act fast! As a counselor at Spanish Coalition for Housing, Maricela knew that the landlord didn't have the right to stop collecting her rent. She contacted landlord specialist Edward Skoda to educate herself about her rights as a tenant. As an expert on the eviction process and landlord and tenant rights, Edward was able to connect Maricela with an attorney from Chicago Volunteer Legal Services; because the attorney testified to the illegality of the landlord's actions, the judge ruled in Maricela's favor and the landlord agreed to waive the \$1,800 back rent.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Homebuyer Workshops:  
in English and Spanish**  
5:00 pm

**Financial Education  
Workshops:  
in English and Spanish**  
5:00 pm

**And More . . .**

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