

The Giron Family

“I moved my parents, Cesar, 62, and Maria, 52, to the United States from Honduras in 2005 for a better life,” wrote Denia Weatherby, the Giron’s 32 year-old daughter. “At that time, I wasn’t able to get my little sister here. It took five years of waiting due to immigration laws to get her here. Gabriela, 17, met up with us in 2010.”

Denia, herself a single mother of two, shares her apartment with a roommate, her parents and her sister. Cesar, Maria and Gabriela live together in one of the three bedrooms. In addition to offering insufficient space, the residence is situated in a risky neighborhood infamous for drug trafficking.



Both Cesar and Maria clock long hours at a local cleaning company, never abandoning the hope that their circumstances will improve.

“My mom and dad have worked all their life to support a family of 6 kids,” Denia said. “My parents’ dreams are to own a house, a place to call home, where

they can catch up on lost time with Gabriela. Their biggest goal is to put Gabriela through college.”

The Giron’s eventually discovered Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna through Rite Aid, where Denia works. This year, the Giron’s will move into a refurbished Habitat home at 417 Washington Street, Aberdeen, just in time for Christmas.

“My parents agree that there are not enough words to thank the staff, volunteers and sponsors of Habitat,” Denia explained. “My mom said, ‘[We have] never come across such nice people as the Habitat staff.’”

Cesar agreed: “It’s a dream come true.”