

TESTIMONIALS



THEATER COMPANY FOUNDER



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"We have lived in downtown San José since 1976. My husband, Richard, founded the Northside Theatre Company, a teaching theater dedicated to arts education for youth. I have worked for the San José Repertory Theatre for twelve years, and have been an active volunteer for San José Beautiful. We are proud citizens of our community, dedicated to its preservation and improvement.

In March 2001, I was laid off at Go.com. For the next year, I was only able to find temporary work. The final blow came when our landlord decided to raise our rent \$300 per month. We seriously considered folding up shop and moving south to San Diego where it is still possible to buy a small house for \$200,000, but we could not abandon our life's work, Northside Theatre. Instead, we were faced with renting a smaller apartment at a higher rate outside of our beloved downtown. I was literally reaching for the fax machine to send the final paper over on the poky apartment we had found when the phone rang. It was NHSSV, telling us that we had reached the top of the list. Within two months, we were moving into a wonderful, bright, and beautiful condominium in downtown San José. Every day when we wake up in our new home, we find it hard to believe that we have had such good fortune."

- Jeannie Rae Orlando
San Jose, CA

TEACHER AND SINGLE PARENT

"My name is Claudia Tagimura. With NHSSV's assistance, I was able to purchase my first home in March 2002. The NHSSV Homebuyer Education classes I attended were very helpful and informative, and the NHSSV staff and guest speakers leading the classes set realistic expectations with regard to the homeownership process. Owning a home has had a tremendous positive affect on my life. I feel so much more secure and stable now, and I only live five miles away from the school where I teach. Prior to purchasing my home, I moved from one place to another, never really knowing where my baby and I would end up. I look at owning a home as an opportunity, and I feel a real sense of self-pride in taking on this commitment. Without the valuable services provided by NHSSV and its well-trained, educated staff, I would not have been able to purchase my home. Many thanks to NHSSV."



-Claudia Tagimura
San Jose, CA



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COUNTY ADMINISTRATION



"My name is Becky Le. I am a Vietnamese immigrant, coming to San José in 1993. My husband arrived in 1985. We have two children, ages eight and five. I work in County Administration. My husband works for a local sign company. Although we tried very hard, we did not make enough money to buy a house. We rented for a long time and cherished a dream to buy a house some day. We were afraid that "some day" would never come since we did not have the money to make a down payment. One day, I met the Outreach Specialist for NHSSV and learned about its program, The HomeVenture Fund, but doubted that

the program was real. Then I met the staff. They helped us to obtain a loan, and we were able to buy...Our dream has come true."

- Becky Le
San Jose, CA

TEACHER

"After my first month in emergency housing I received my Grant of \$80,000 from NHS. They were the only organization that came through out of the whole bay area. Their staff connected me with the right resources to make it work for me.

Unusual as it may seem, [NHSSV] were the smallest, humblest organization that I encountered among many, but was the only organization that took the time to listen and see the need, and be able to use the funds the way it was really intended, and that is to help those that are truly in need. They not only have issued me a loan, but have educated me with other programs that are out there for me if I needed them. I will never forget the [NHSSV] staff and all that they have done for me and my children. They have a heart for the people."

- Sandra Kalaveras
Santa Clara, CA

