

# Story of Success: Jorge and Amber Navarro



Throughout my graduate counseling education, I have frequently studied and observed the importance of *Navigational Capital*. As a first-generation student, a community college counselor forever changed my academic trajectory with her support, expertise, and guidance. Though it's been years since I've been her student, I can answer without hesitation that I am able to pursue my academic and career goals because of her. Similarly, Claudia Shaw and the City of Santa Ana Down Payment Assistance Program have helped our home buying dreams come to fruition. Claudia's expertise and guidance and the city's financial support have been invaluable.

After growing up in Santa Ana, Jorge graduated from Mater Dei High School and is now building a career with the City of Santa Ana, Water Department. I grew up just down the street in Fountain Valley, and I am a future school and clinical counselor in the last year of my Master's program at Chapman University. Hopefully, one day I'll join Jorge in working for the city we now call **home**.

Jorge and I, as well as our equally ecstatic boys Diego (7), Cruz (5), and Mateo (2), are thankful to have had the opportunity to benefit from this program. I hope that many other families will also take advantage of this program. It is the kind of program that provides navigational capital and empowers families to pursue their dreams.

With Gratitude,

Jorge and Amber Navarro

