

A Journey of Healing

The Personal Story Behind TSA Tragedy

On November 1, 2013, a shooting occurred at 9:20 a.m. in Terminal 3 at LAX that took the life of U.S. Government TSA Officer, Gerardo Hernandez.

Gerardo's wife, their 14-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter felt as though their lives had also ended that morning. Then, a friend introduced them to OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center.

Four months later, both Stephanie and Luis were enrolled in separate grief support groups with youth their own age. All participants were also grieving the death of a parent, so Stephanie and Luis found immediate comfort in knowing they were not alone. Little by little, they both were able to get their lives back on track and focus on school again.

Today, Ana tells us that her children are thriving. "Luis will earn his high school diploma this June and has already been accepted to 7 great universities, all with scholarships for academic achievement!"

"Stephanie is 15-years old now, has just entered into high school and will celebrate her quinceañera in July. My kids are great and I want to give them full credit for their successes, but I will tell you that I don't know where we would be without the OUR HOUSE support and love."

Ana, Luis and Stephanie will all be participating in the 2017 OUR HOUSE Run for Hope to honor the memory of their beloved husband and dad, Gerardo Hernandez.

Who will you walk for on Sunday, April 30?

