



## Jeff, Juan and José

Jeff Talamantoz first came to Primavera with his wife, Vanessa, and his two sons, Juan and Jose. Both boys go by nicknames in the family. The oldest boy, at three years old goes by “Johny” and his younger brother, Juan, is called “JoJo.”

Juan and Jose both have cystic fibrosis, an autosomal recessive disease that affects the lungs, intestines, endocrine system, and often interferes with normal physical development; the life-expectancy of people born with cystic fibrosis has risen substantially with improvements in medicine. Both Juan and Jose undergo a variety of treatments to manage the disease. The treatments are not cheap, and unfortunately, Jeff lost his job. Rent, utilities and therapy expenses became too much and the family was without a home.

In March 2010, the Talamantoz family came to the Greyhound Family Shelter—the only shelter in Southern Arizona where family of any makeup can stay together. Soon after coming to the Greyhound Family Shelter, the family moved into one of Primavera’s scattered-site transitional housing units, called 8th Street. Jeff completed the Jackson Employment program and found work with Primavera’s day labor program, Primavera Works.

On track again, the family had a set-back when Vanessa passed away in August, 2010. Jeff had to take time to grieve and take care of the boys after his wife’s passing. Now, the boys are in day-care again, freeing Jeff to find a job with the hope that they can get back on their feet. Jeff is accessing every service available to him.

