



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR EMPLOYEES: Maria Castro

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Maria is a “floater” Housekeeper. She takes over for other members of the Department, when they are ill or on vacation. Recently she took over temporarily for Pina Munoz, who works from 4:30 am to 12:30 pm. A schedule Maria particularly liked, especially the 12:30 pm end time! She is a morning person. She came to Canterbury Woods in 2013.

Maria is among several of our employees who are from Jalisco, Mexico. She came to the United States thirty-four-years ago and became a citizen about twenty years ago. Two brothers and six sisters still live in Jalisco. She plans on going back to visit for a month in January. Currently she lives in Seaside with her husband, Isidro, to whom she has been married for thirty-four years. One brother and one sister also live in Seaside. Isidro, who has a landscaping business, is also from Jalisco, but they met here.

Isidro and Maria have five children; Michelle (31), a pre-school teacher, Jesse (27), a groundskeeper at the golf course at the Inn at Spanish Bay, Isidro, Jr. (25), a landscaper, Maria Bernice (24), a homemaker with two children, Alfonso (22), a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) at Carmel Hills Care Center and a Chihuahua, Junie. All together there are nine grandchildren, three girls and six boys!

For two years Maria worked as a Housekeeper at Sunrise of Monterey (assisted living community). She worked at the Inn at Spanish Bay as a Housekeeper and part-time Supervisor for eleven years and packed artichokes in Castroville for seven years. Her boss in Castroville was our own Charlie Hunt!

She says she likes everything about her job! She doesn't get bored, because she moves around the campus all the time. She is always someplace different and gets to know most of the residents that way.

When not working Maria enjoys taking care of her grandchildren and watching television, especially two Mexican telenovelas!

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