



The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore would like to shift gears this week and describe, rather than the yards and homes of Fillmore, the actual faces of Fillmore residents. This is truly what makes living in Fillmore a unique experience.

During the Thanksgiving weekend, a devastating fire took the mobile home of Carlos Garcia and his family. Carlos is employed by Great Lakes Cheese. His wife and three sons had moved into their home in Fillmore just days prior to the fire. It took everything they owned.

It was at the point that the faces (and hearts) of the people of Fillmore moved into action. Neighbors took in the family to give them shelter and food. Churches donated furniture and many other of the life's necessities. Donations came and are still coming from schools, businesses, and local residents. One couple offered a home for the Garcia family to live in. The people of Fillmore welcomed the family with open arms into their community and into their hearts.

At the Garcia household during the holidays, new friends and neighbors are welcomed at the front door of their modest rental home. A Christmas tree is brightly decorated in the living room. From all appearances everything is back to normal, but the lives of this good family and the dozens and dozens who have helped will be forever blessed.

Certainly the Face of Fillmore this Christmas has been filled with "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."