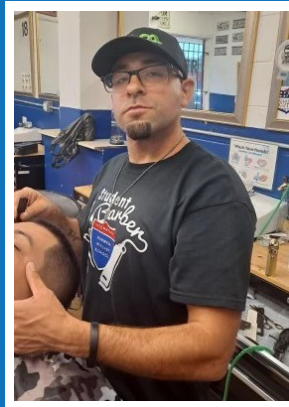




## PROFILES OF HOPE

### Tony



Tony is a single dad caring for his five children, ages 13, 10, 8, 7, and 6. He was granted full custody in 2017.

"I first came to Caritas because I needed help with food to feed the children," said Tony. "I did not seek help until I truly needed it and Caritas was there to help my family."

In order to work full-time, Tony's mother was able to step in and help with the children, but it was not a longterm solution.

"I needed to find work with a flexible schedule, so I could be there for my kids," he said. "Caritas was able to provide the funding I needed to enroll in barber school. It was a perfect fit for me, so I can make a stable living and manage my own hours."

Tony said he is grateful for the support he received and wants to give back one day.

"What better gift can I give my kids than to show them I went back to school. To show them that if I can do it, they can do it. To keep trying. My goal is to turn around and give back, to help others like I was. That is what I want to do."

In three weeks, Tony will complete the barber school program and receive his certification.

"I am so appreciative to be able to spend more time with my kids, to have more family time," he said. "I am just so grateful for what Caritas has done, I am almost speechless."