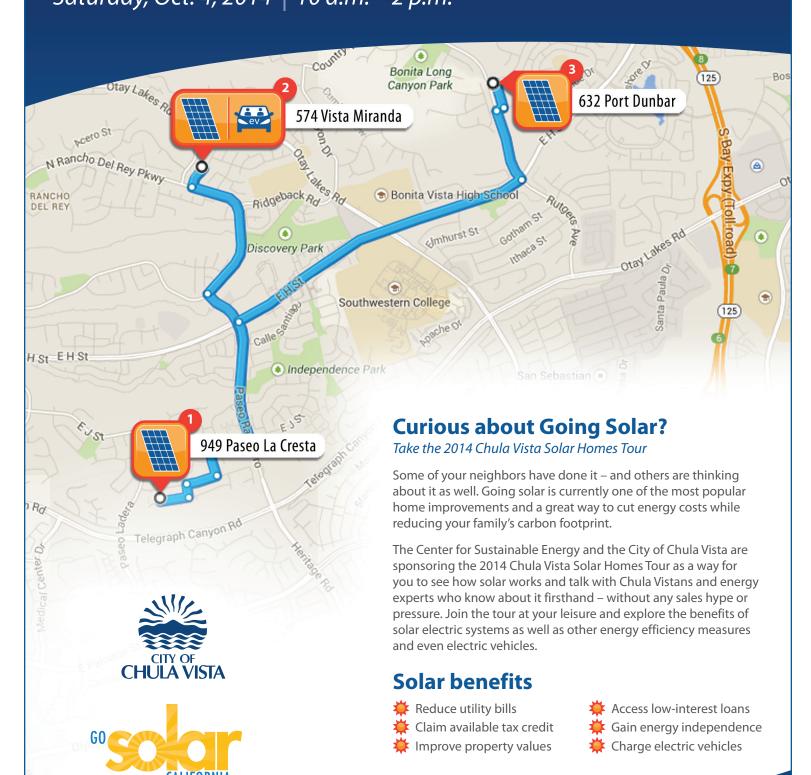
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## **1** Ryan's Way Family • 949 Paseo La Cresta, Chula Vista, CA 91910

The O'Connor-Florez family is much bigger than the name may imply. That's because it includes the immediate family as well as several developmentally challenged residents and care providers. Inspired by their son Ryan's struggles with developmental problems, the family established four Ryan's Way Adult Residential Facilities. The family is equally passionate about the environment. All four residences have solar panels and use other energy-saving measures. A lease for the solar systems is saving them hundreds of dollars a month on utility bills.

"We use a lot of energy because we provide 24-hour care. We would rather spend money taking care of our residents than on rising energy costs," said Jamie O'Connor-Florez.

Square footage	2,847
Solar Installer	American Solar Direct
System Capacity	7.504 kW (CEC-AC)
Module Information	33 REC 250W panels
Inverter Information	2 Solar Edge



## **Tim and Maho's Home** • 574 Vista Miranda, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Admittedly, Tim and Maho had an advantage when they decided to go solar – he is a corporate energy consultant. Since they moved into their Chula Vista home in 2007, Tim has taken many measures to reduce their family's energy use – from LED lighting to a tankless water heater, which cut their natural gas bill in half. But he found that rising electricity costs were going up faster than his efforts to cut consumption, so they bought a small solar system that offsets their reduced consumption. They also own a hybrid car and an electric vehicle.

"Purchasing solar made sense for us because we plan on staying in our home for a long time," Tim said.

Square footage	1,683
Solar Installer	
System Capacity	
Module Information	
Inverter Information	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·



## Fahti and Carlos' Home • 632 Port Dunbar, Chula Vista, CA 91913

For Fahti and Carlos, going solar was all about the long-term investment and savings. As monthly energy bills soared as high as \$425, they knew they had to do something. In January 2013, they had solar installed and their energy bills dropped substantially, to as low as \$27 in August 2014. They've been in their home for 12 years and don't plan on moving, and their experience with solar makes Fahti Jones say, "I wish we had done it sooner."

"Now I tell my friends and family that if you can afford to go solar, do it because, honestly, it will pay for itself," Fahti said. "Whenever you install, that's when you start profiting from it."

Square footage	2,500
System Installer	Solare Energy
System Capacity	4.94 kW (CEC-AC)
Module Information	24 SolarWorld 240W panels
Inverter Information	24 Enphase Energy M215 (microinverters)

