

(left) Willy's Smokehouse Bar & Grill owners Jackie & Marco Gonzales with their son Matty, Martha Vincent & Billy Ridge with daughter Taylor Gattis  
THE TEAM (back) Genai Kerr, Larry Mouschawar, Jeff Tyrell, Tim Hutten, Brandon Brooks, John Mann & Brian Alexander (middle) Thomas Hopkins, Rick Merlo, Kevin Witt, Tony Azevedo & Juan Delgadillo (kneeling) Adam Hewko, Merrill Moses & Matt Sagehorn (right) Coach Terry Schroeder & Holly Mitchell




**CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME** Martha Vincent and Billy Ridge responded to an article requesting local families to offer lodging to a U.S. Olympic Water Polo player. The players needed homes and any other assistance that allowed the team to remain focused on training for the Olympics instead of worrying about where they would eat and sleep. The U.S. Men's Olympic Water Polo Team has an intense training program that keeps them in practice, competitions and scrimmages up to 8 hours every day at either California Lutheran University or Oaks Christian School. Martha Vincent and Billy Ridge went far beyond the basic request for supplying lodging to an athlete. They allowed 9 athletes to live in their home in Country Club Estates over the past 3 months, and they continue to support 3 athletes until they leave for the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China at the end of July. Willy's Smokehouse Bar & Grill in Agoura Hills was the venue where a celebratory dinner was held for Martha by the entire Water Polo Team, including Coach Terry Schroeder. The Team presented Martha with a signed team photo as a token of their appreciation for her support. [www.usawaterpolo.org](http://www.usawaterpolo.org)

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