Jardines del Valle was named by the residents who experienced the transformation of the property site into “Gardens of the Valley.”

Before MidPen stepped in to create community improvements and maintain its affordable housing status, Jardines del Valle was Murphy’s Camp, one of California’s oldest and most dilapidated “bracero” camps for farm laborers. Residents were forced to live in squalor amid gang violence and drug-related activities. With a complete renovation to the property, Jardines del Valle became a vibrant farmworker affordable housing community with amenities that include a community room, computer center, children’s playground, barbecues, and a soccer field. Residents also enjoy activities and events provided by MidPen Resident Services.

MidPen Housing has won two national awards for its turnaround of Jardines del Valle: a Maxwell Award of Excellence from the Fannie Mae Foundation, and the National Tax Credit Excellence Award from the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition.