

La Casa Hogar



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La Casa Hogar Yakima Interfaith Coalition
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We continue to be deep into delivering our mission: *Working together as an expression of faith, our home nurtures strong communities one person at a time.*

Highlights

Exciting plans for our *Connecting Communities Fiesta and Silent Auction* are well under way. Please join us on Sunday, May 20, 4-7 p.m. Learn more details and make reservations at our website: www.lacasahogar.org or call 457-5058.

Twelve empowered La Casa Hogar students and staff are actively engaged learning and contributing to their community as parents in the *East Yakima Early Learning Initiative* planning process.

Anahi a four year old who loves our children's program *taught her mother how to count* using the fruit in the bowl on the table at home.

Parents and staff are working together to define outcomes for the Early Learning Children's Center and Parent Education Program at La Casa Hogar.

Santos, a formally homeless person, thanked people at our annual business meeting for the giving him a home and support that has allowed him to change his life.

Board of Directors *elected new officers and received new members*: Dave Roberts, President; Patrick Shirey, Vice President; Ladd Bjerneby, Secretary; Dave McFadden, Treasure; Aurora Torres, a community volunteer and early learning teacher, and Jill Schuman, V.P. and manager Bank of the West were seated as new board members.

We are entering into a *new collaboration and partnership to enhance services with homeless people through our emergency services program*. It means that we will co-locate emergency service with the PATH homeless outreach at 107 So. 6th Street (across the street from our current facility). Partners are: United Way of Yakima Co., Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health, Yakima County, and the Homeless Network of Yakima County.

Thank you Yakima Regional Medical and Heart Center for generously supporting our work with Hispanic women and children.

And *Thank You* to all of you...