

# La Casa Hogar

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### La Casa Hogar Yakima Interfaith Coalition

### **La Casa Families Enjoy Holden Village**

#### **Summer of 2007 Marks Fifth Year attending to Abriendo Caminos program**



Going to Holden with my family and friends has been for me an opportunity to meet people, see old friends, experience spiritual renewal, emotional healing and have fun. For my children Holden Village has become synonymous with vacation. Every school break my children ask me if it is time for us to go back to Holden. They love it there. The first summer we went, my son

wanted to live there until December and this year he was asking for the possibility for us to live there for a year. It is amazing for me to see my children enjoy Holden Village, spend time with their friends, meet new ones, become the experts in what the rules are and help where it is needed.

Thank you to the churches and all the people who make it possible for our families to go to Holden, have vacation together in this wonderful place where a common statement among the participants was "I feel like I have traveled to the paradise".

### **Executive Director Spends Month in Mexico**

#### **Carole Enjoyed Spanish Education for Women Classes and Visiting La Casa Hogar Families**



*Laura's Mom*

"It was an amazing experience, traveling to La Mesa de Palmire, a rancho in the mountains of the state of Zacatecas and the home of Laura Mesa's mother. It felt like I could touch the sky," said Folsom-Hill. It has been 10 years since Laura and her mother have seen each other. What a privilege it was to connect them in this way.

Carole also studied Spanish and lived with a family in the Guadalajara barrio Polanco. SEW is an excellent Spanish immersion program for women developed over the past twenty years by Debbie Polhemus and Denise Curry. Talk to Carole if you are interested in learning more.

*Laura Mesa*



## **REGISTER NOW!**

**Spanish Immersion**, Come learn conversational Spanish in a class taught by a team of native Spanish speakers. Classes incorporate games, songs, and activities to make learning Spanish fun. A great start for the beginner and wonderful practice for those approaching intermediate level. (20 hours) Call 457-5058 to register. See dates and time below.



"Wonderful environment with caring people to begin my journey into the Spanish language and Mexican culture." Bruce Willis

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** ***September Activities***

Sept. 5	8 am-2pm	Day of Caring	La Casa Hogar
Sept. 10-14	4-8 pm	Spanish Immersion	La Casa Hogar
Sept. 12	6-8 pm	Open House	Barge Lincoln
Sept. 17-21	8 am-Noon	Spanish Immersion	La Casa Hogar
Sept. 17	6-7:30 pm	Open House	McClure
Sept. 18	12:30-2:30	Thrive Yakima Parent Focus Group	La Casa Hogar
Sept. 20-22	Conference	Marguerite Casey Foundation	Atlanta Georgia
Sept. 26	11:45-1:15	Lunch On Us	La Casa Hogar
Sept. 30	9:00 am	Speaking Engagement	Christ Lutheran Church

## **THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SUMMER GREAT!** ***A Host of Volunteers Makes a Wonderful Summer***

**Wesley United Church** and member **Bob Hayes**, transportation to Holden Village  
**Central Lutheran Church** and member **Laura Baxter**, transportation to Holden Village  
**Western Materials** and **Andy Martinkus**, materials for yard renovation  
**Young Neighbors in Action, Holy Rosary Parish**, work crew for yard renovation  
**UPS** and **Dale Ferguson**, materials and construction of shelves and storage in our basement  
**Yakima Valley Memorial Educational Services**, "Passport to Health" with our youth  
**Planned Parenthood** and **Amy Clausen**, educational services  
**Pacific Institute** and **Lily Gonzalez**, facilitation, materials, and 30 hours of staff training  
**Angie Pulido**, nurse case manager YVFWC and YIC board member, educational services  
**Joan Nuebauer**, Paper and Book-making Class  
**Blanca Perez**, Baking Class  
**American Red Cross** and **Ramon Tobias**, CPR Classes  
**Trevor Duncan**, volunteer support for Cultural Education Services  
**Kate Fontana**, volunteer updating website in Spanish and grant writing  
**Amanda Lattin**, volunteer Services Children's Learning Center  
**Connie Stephens**, volunteer services Children's Learning Center  
**Diana Reyes**, volunteer services Children's Learning Center  
**Maria Helen Treviño**, Parent Communication Classes  
**Patti Fitzpatrick**, ESL Teacher Assistant  
**Sandy Lopez**, Wellness House, Cancer Prevention  
**Ann Russell**, Landscaping

