



December 2008 **Bits of News**

CHRISTMAS OF HOPE FOR FAMILIES

“Out of all the people in need, they chose me!”

Maria opens the door, speechless at what she sees, a van full of people coming to bring her family gifts and food. She tearfully reaches out to accept their gifts and is overwhelmed by their generosity. “Out of all the people in need, they chose me! I didn’t know how we were going to eat the next meal and I dreaded explaining to my son why we didn’t have a x-mas tree ...and now I have the reassurance, they brought it all! The smile on my son’s face is priceless. I was beginning to loose hope but now I am encouraged. I am truly grateful for the people and amazed by their love and compassion.”

Thank you to generous friends of the La Casa who made hope possible for our families!



NEW 2009 CHAIR FOR CONNECTING COMMUNITIES FIESTA

Sue Ford, will lead the organization of the fiesta

Sue, who is currently a board member of Yakima Interfaith Coalition and District Manger at US Bank, is actively committed to several non-profit organizations. We welcome her great spirit and wonderful talents.

Thank You RBC Wealth Management for your second year of Key Sponsorship! Mark your calendar, May 17th, 2009

BECOME A POINT IN TIME/PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT PARTNER

Point in time brings services and resources to the community.

The Homeless Network of Yakima County is seeking businesses to sponsor a one-day census and service for people who are homeless. Your investment will provide access to resources and save the community money on costly emergency services. Donations are tax deductible. PIT/PHC event will be held in Yakima, Wapato, Toppenish and Sunnyside. Our hope is to fill a wall with names of businesses that understand the value of working together. Yakima Interfaith Coalition/ “107 House” will receive your donation on behalf of Homeless Network of Yakima County

For more info call Tim @ (509) 574-1520 or Lee @ (509) 834-8173

PROMOTORAS HIRED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH READY BY FIVE

**Yolanda Delgado and Dora Narez join team
of seven in promoting early learning**

Both Yolanda and Dora have been involved here at La Casa Hogar. Attending numerous of classes and achieving their goals one step at a time. They are committed to assisting families with achieving their dreams for their children. They will be working in the East Yakima Neighborhoods empowering parents through promoting education.



Yolanda



Dora

YAKIMA VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

AWARDS GRANT TO LA CASA FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT!

La Casa Hogar 's early learning center is where children and parents prepare for success in school. Professional development will be provided to early learning teachers in areas of parent communication and early learning curriculum. We will maximize children's school readiness through motivating parents to engage in learning activities with their children at home. Ready by Five and Yakima School District are community partners.



Jorge & Beatriz

HEALTH LITERACY PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YAKIMA NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH

Wonderful Success, over 200+ in attendance!

Families received important information about their children's health and what to do when their child is sick. The goal was to minimize visits to the hospital emergency rooms.

One of La Casa Hogar's student who had just moved to Yakima a month ago who had very little furniture, won the raffle grand prize, a flat screen television.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **December 18th-21st:** **PASTORELA**, a DXM community theatre presentation
- **December 23rd:** Christmas Fiesta, La Casa @ **5pm**
- **January 5th:** Winter Quarter Begins~Registration @ **9am**
- **January 6th:** *Dia de Reyes* (Day of the Kings) @ **5pm**
- **January 23rd:** "Lunch on Us" bring a friend and get an inside look here at La Casa (please call Nora @ (509) 457-5058 if interested in attending) **12-1pm**
- **January 30th & 31st:** Earned Income Tax Credit and Low income families tax preparation Kick Off, **Friday 2pm-8pm & Saturday 9am-2pm**

Thank You!!

**Gilbert Cellars for sharing a wonderful night with friends*

**Yakima Community Foundation for your continuing commitment to our community*

**The Dolsen Company, *Annette & Jerry Courcy, *Planned Parenthood, *Central Lutheran Preschool, *united Christian Church, *Joyce Rikerd and her Bunko group, *Southwest Rotary, *New Destiny Fellowship, *Josh and Addy Logsdon, and ALL the volunteers*

for sponsoring "**Christmas of Hope**" where over 35 families were touched!



*May you and your family know the love and peace
of the season, now and in the coming year!*

