



## Bits of News February 2009



Angelica, Cecie & Cathy  
 ELC Teachers



Ana & Diego



Mothers with their  
 children during  
 circle time

### CHILDREN LEARN WHILE MOTHERS LEARN

#### Early Learning Center gives children the tools they need to be ready for school

##### Teachers, Parents & Children Benefit from Week of Training

“One of my favorite parts of the training is when we got a chance to role play stepping into the shoes of a child to see things from their perspectives. Now when I teach the children I have a better sense of how they see the world.”

~Angelica Zepeda

*Parent Support Coordinator* and teacher for Learning Basket, Powerful families, Financial literacy & Advocacy.

##### Mothers Enjoy Learning & Being Involved

“We are beginning to implement the creative curriculum in the Early Learning Center at La Casa Hogar. An important part of this curriculum is parent involvement. It is exciting to see the parents participating in the classroom by reading, playing, singing, and interacting with all of the children. As one parent said, “I like to see my child singing the songs at home.” We are teaching the parents to build their child’s self-esteem and early literacy to prepare their children for school.” ~Cathy Goshorn, *ELC Mentor*



Coralia



<u>JANUARY REPORTS:</u>	
1,425	Class hours
189	Students
316	ELC hours
48	Children

Save the Date:

Saturday, May 17th, 2009, 3:30-7:00 pm



Thank you RBC Wealth Management  
 for your key sponsorship.

**BECOME A PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLES LIVES**

*YIC/LCH is seeking people interested in serving on our leadership team!*

Great opportunity to serve our community and be a part of a growing organization. 4-6 hours per month.  
*For more information please contact Carole Folsom-Hill, Executive Director @ (509) 457-5058*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- March 8th:** "Celebrating the Women in the Family" @ 3pm-6pm, S.E. Community Center, 1211 S. 7th St., Family event with motivational speakers, food, raffles, entertainment and Fashion Show! ~**Tickets are SOLD OUT**~
- March 16th-20th:** **Español Rapido** (intermediate level) Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm  
A great opportunity to polish up your Spanish quickly. Register Today!
- March 27th** "Lunch on Us" bring a friend and get an inside look at La Casa Hogar & It's programs, call Nora @ 457-5058 for more details!
- March 20th** Annual Business Meeting 11:45-1:30. Keynote Topic Fundraising
- March 23rd-27th** English Immersion with University of Washington Newman students
- March 30th-April 3rd** Yakima School District ~ Spring Break~ **NO CLASSES**
- May 17th** Connecting Communities Fiesta at "Mighty Tieton"

### **SUCCESSFUL SALES RAISES MONEY FOR HOMELESS NETWORK**

*Nearly \$3000 supports homeless assistance fund (HAF)*

Community members saw homelessness through the eyes of one family in a movie in a fundraising which included "God has No Shoes" and calendars sales. All proceeds will go to support Homeless Assistance Fund at the "107 House". Calendars still available for \$10 call Sharon Stanley@ 574-1520 .

**"107 House" served 405 people in the month of January!**

*Thank You*

*Yakima Valley Community Foundation, Ready by Five and Casey Family Services Partners in our Early Learning & Parent Support project.*  
*Jose Cortez owner of Pepe's Bakery for bringing to La Casa Hogar a cake decorating class.*  
*The Yakima County Asset Building Coalition & AARP Lindsey Jacobson, Sylvia Cervantes, Bill Stevens & Steve Houghton, MICHA Club Davis for providing volunteers who assisted low income families with EITC & tax preparation.*

**Our Mission: Working together as an expression of faith, our home nurtures strong communities ... one person at a time!**

