



## January 2009

### Bits of News/ Happy New Year!



#### 2009 WINTER QUARTER BEGINS

**153 women registered for classes and 66 children participating in our early learning center.**

January 5<sup>th</sup> marked the first day of class for La Casa Hogar. Registration is on a first come first serve basis and due to the weather many were not able to attend and now have to wait for spring quarter. *"I have been waiting for 3 years to take the ESL class, my patience is running out but I know I need to wait because I have no where else to go."* A frustrated student comments on the limited space available. We are window of opportunity for the women. The wait may be long, however when they are able to participate they are forever changed. We are truly blessed by those who share our community here at La Casa. Hogar.

#### YAKIMA INTERFAITH COALITION "HOUSE 107"

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

When times get tough many people don't know where to turn to. Some have lost their jobs, been laid off or have a disability. Whatever their story is they all share same thing in common... financial struggle. No matter their situation the reality remains the same and the bills still have to be paid. YIC doors swung open and received a flood of phone calls of people all asking for assistance. *"I have been working here for 10 years and I like being able to make a difference is people lives through the programs we offer. The hardest part is telling a family that there are no more funds but at the end of the day I know I did my part and know that people's lives will be changed."* Mireya, a YIC staff member, comments on her experience.

#### COMPUTERS PURCHASED THROUGH COMMUNITIES TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (CTOP) GRANT MAKES TESTING EASY

**English Students testing time reduced from 3 hours to 1.5 hours**

For years students have been tested using books and a tape recorder making the system of tracking dozens of participants a whole lot of paper work. With the new grant from CTOP placement testing for the students has been made easier, and faster and more efficient. Not only is it saving space and time, it also allows women who some have never turned on a computer to now become familiar and more comfortable using one.



## WINTER QUARTER CLASS SCHEDULE 2009

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8-9am	Spanish Class		Spanish Class		Spanish Class	
9:00-10:45	Advanced ESL	Inter-Computer	Advanced ESL	Inter- Computer / Financial Literacy	Advanced ESL	Math
11:00-12:45	Beg.ESL/ Driving	Computer / Learning Basket	Beg.ESL/ Driving	Computer/ Strong Women's Group	Beg.ESL / Driving	
1:00-2:45		Computer / Nutrition		Computer/ Nutrition		Justice Circle
5:30-8pm				Taking Control of Your Health		Children Folk-Dance
6-8pm	GED	GED	GED	CONVEyT/GED		

### Mark Your Calendar

- Jan. 19** Martin Lutheran King Day
- Jan. 23** *"Lunch on Us"* visitors experience La Casa in action and learn about.  
(to join us contact [Nora@lacasahogar.org](mailto:Nora@lacasahogar.org) or call 457-5058)
- Jan. 29** **Homeless Point In Time Survey/Project Homeless Connect**  
(Yakima Convention Center from 9am-5pm)
- Jan. 30-31** **Earned Income Tax Credit Kick Off Day** and tax preparation for low income families **Friday 2pm-8pm & Saturday 9am-2pm La Casa Hogar**
- February 4** *"Coffee Break"* come and tour La Casa and enjoy some delicious coffee and Mexican bread. (To reserve contact [nora@lacasahogar.org](mailto:nora@lacasahogar.org))
- February 16** **Presidents Day** offices closed
- February 20** *"Lunch on Us"* visitors experience La Casa in action and learn about us.  
(to join us contact [Nora@lacasahogar.org](mailto:Nora@lacasahogar.org) or call 457-

**THANK YOU**

[Eric Bigham](#) for all the wonderful toys shared with our children during the Day of the Kings celebration.

[Bill Douglas](#) for selecting La Casa as the recipient of the Yakima Valley Community Foundation award in his name

[Gaudencio Islas](#) owner of [La Espiga de Oro](#) bakery for providing us with the delicious Rosca de Reyes

[Bill Stevens](#) with AARP for coordinating us with professional tax preparation for the women that we serve and their families through your time and efforts.

[All the staff & volunteers](#) for your continuous commitment to La Casa Hogar