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La Casa Hogar Newsletter

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La Casa Hogar Selected as New Community Plaza Partner with Yakima School District

Twenty-five women participate the inaugural event

This is a great opportunity for the women of La Casa Hogar and their children . The Spanish internet based curriculum, primary through secondary, allows students and adults to continue their educations no matter what level of education they have completed, while they gain their English skills. Individuals can also take course work towards their GED and technical programs. La Casa Spanish students will also be invited to enroll in the program.



Teresa Garcia & other students assists
Nicolas Zavala, YSD, with ribbon cutting.

Community Garden in the News

Tracy Sawyer of the Yakima Herald Republic captures the essence of the project.

“There are no barriers here, no gates to keep visitors out. Everybody owns it and so anyone can use it — regardless of social standing, or whether they crash in their own bed or the streets at night... Sure, onions, peppers and berries grow in the Community Garden at 101 S. Sixth St., but so do peace, communion and understanding.”



Lunch on Us!

Enjoy a spirit of hospitality
Savor a delicious home
cooked meal...

The women of La Casa Hogar
invite you to lunch at
“our home” 106 So. 6th St.
November 15th
November 29th
December 6th
December 16th
11:45—1:15 pm

For reservations:
carole@lacasahogar.org
Or call 457-5058

Want to be involved in the garden?

Come to our **Fall Garden Clean Up** on
Saturday, November 12, 9:00 am. Please bring
any tools you may need and your friends! For
more information call Steve Gaulke 574-4084

Hope to see you all at the Garden!!!
(101 So. 6th Street)

Our home nurtures strong communities... One Person at a time.

Staff Spotlight



**Heritage University Social Work Intern
Joins Emergency Services Staff**

*Gloria Garza shares her gifts of compassion,
knowledge of community & love of people.*

Gloria describes her experience this way, “Working here I discovered what it means to truly know the heart of a stranger. We all have the same goal for our life, to be happy and safe. Being here with the people has changed me and I’m happy for that.”

**One Person Sticking with It
Makes a Difference**

For the past few days the two men had been shuffled from agency to agency in a seemingly futile attempt to get the older of the two men to his surgery in Seattle on the 3rd of October. An older man going to Seattle for brain surgery would certainly qualify for a medical coupon and I knew that if he had a medical coupon People for People would be able to transport him to Seattle without problem. Why were these two gentlemen at La Casa’s doorstep pleading for gas money assistance?

A day and one half later, after numerous phone calls to the caseworker, doctor, several departments at Harbor View, transportation services, Christ Lutheran Church provided funds for the gasoline.

The next week, a phone call came from Harbor View. The friend of the older man says the surgery had gone well. He thanked me again for helping with everything. “The gratitude that these men expressed will be something I will always remember.” Gloria

Dia de Los Muertos

- Aurora Torrez
- Cristina Mejia
- Berta Espana
- Maria Vencencio

Creators
Thank you!



Student Spotlight

**La Casa Women will Raise Ten
Percent of \$150,000
Goal**



Maria Vicencio shares

Maria has been a student at La Casa for almost 3 years. Right now, she is enrolled in English and Computer classes. She is a very active and enthusiastic person who has participated at La Casa as a volunteer crafts teacher and translator. A few days ago she told us “I have a gift I would like to contribute. It is just something little. But perhaps we can use it for a raffle to earn money to buy the house.” Maria’s “little gift” has turned into \$200 and still selling...

Thank you, Maria, and to all selling tickets!!

Volunteer Spotlight

**Talented Teenagers
Serve in Clothing Bank**

*Fifteen year old Ana and twelve year old
Kate juggle in their volunteer time in the
clothing bank with masterful ease.*



The door to the clothing bank behind La Casa swings open as families and individuals come and go. Ana stands back from the door, folding clothes and organizing shelves. “I like organizing. Although, it doesn’t stay neat for too long.” She says smiling but with a knowing sigh. Inside, down the basement stairs, Kate sifts through newly donated clothes and separates them into piles to be taken out to the clothing bank.

Home-schooling has allowed Kate and Ana the flexibility in their schedule to come two hours each Tuesday and Thursday mornings. They recently enhanced festivities at the Community Garden Potluck with their musical talents.

Thank you Ana and Kate. You are two terrific servants.