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September Experience is Back!

An Opportunity to Learn Spanish, Authentic Mexican Cooking & Cultural Insights



The Art of Tamale Making
Doug Peters Cooking Class 2003

September Experience is a premier event like no other in the community. It honors the diversity of people in our community and strives to build community bridges to the future. Enjoy three weeks of fun, new learning experiences and an opportunity to experience Mexican culture. As a bonus, you will meet and get to know the staff and students of La Casa Hogar. A lovely informal homelike setting will enhance your experience learning.

| CLASSES | DATE | TIME | FEE |
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| Spanish Immersion learn Spanish by hearing and speaking only Spanish with native speakers, a great start for the beginner and wonderful practice for those approaching intermediate level. (20 hours) | Aug. 30, Sept. 1, 3, 8, 10,13,15 | 9-Noon or 5:30-8:30 | \$150 |
| Authentic Mexican Cooking learn from the best cooks how they make such delicious dishes like salsa, home made tortillas, enchiladas ceviche, tamales & more. (8 hours) | Aug. 31, Sept. 2, 7, 9 | 9:30-11:30 or 6:30-8:30 | \$100 |
| Cultural Insights learn to avoid some awkward moments in walking across cultural lines and exchange Mexican and American cultural perspectives and understandings. Learn and share practical information about cultural values and how they affect relationships. (10 hours) | Aug. 31, Sept. 2,7 | 3-6 | \$200 |

Register Now! Space is Limited!

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All proceeds from the **September Experience** will benefit the programs of La Casa Hogar Yakima Interfaith Coalition. Our mission is to cultivate empowerment and self-sufficiency through emergency services and education. Over 400 Hispanic women and children participate annually in English classes, driving skills, computer literacy, parent education and leadership skills to over 400 Hispanic women and children annually. This fall we also will be launching our new parent education service, where mothers will be taught how to be actively engaged in their children's learning. The goal is to prepare parents for participation in their children's educational process.

Faith Serving to Transform

Community Emergency Service Workshop a Success

Three major needs identified

Thirty-five people representing faith communities, volunteers and agencies attended the workshop at Wesley United Methodist Church. A panel of agency representatives from St. Vincent de Paul, O.I.C., Homeless Outreach PATH program, United Way of Yakima County's 4People.org, and Yakima Interfaith Coalition La Casa Hogar shared information about their services with workshop participants. Three major needs were identified: 1) increase our network in the faith community to enhance our ability to provide and receive services; 2) to more frequently communicate with each other when assisting people in need; 3) to have available rental assistance to prevent an eviction for people who are critically ill or are homeless people and moving from the street to permanent housing. Thank you to Mary Johnson a volunteer from Central Lutheran Church who coordinated the event.



Journey to Holden Village

Thank you to all who contributed to our successful yard sale and made it possible to cover boat transportation costs for our journey. In addition, vans and drivers were provided by Central Lutheran Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ and First Baptist Church. This is a fabulous opportunity for the women and children and is only possible because you care. We'll keep you posted with stories and pictures when we return.



Holden Village 2003

Your Generosity Brings Success!

Your support of our cooperative work with Steve Gaulke, CWCMH Homeless Outreach Worker has made possible successes like these :

- Help with small rental deposit allows 46 year old to move into housing ending one year of homelessness;
- 37 year old man camping along the river for 2 years, now employed because funds helped him obtain a drivers license, and purchase new shoes;
- 54 year old veteran with diabetes and severe depression living in the cab of his truck was assisted with gasoline, securing replacement driver's license, food & medication and a vest for his service dog;

Your financial gifts created increased hope for the future, decreased mental and physical suffering, and created a stronger foundation for transformation from homelessness. Resources in our fund for the homeless are currently depleted. Consider a gift today.

Our Website is Growing CHECK US OUT! www.lacasaogar.org

Now for your convenience you may make donations at our website through Network for Good. We would like to credit our site our development team Jez Slow of Incomand, for design development and Danielle Surkatty of Yakindo Web Designs for content development. They are two wonderful generous professionals. If you like their work, they would be happy to talk with you. Tell them we sent you!

