



## La Casa Hogar Newsletter

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## La Casa Hogar Receives \$25,000 Matching Gift to Purchase Our Home

*Make your gift today & we will make our goal by December 31, 2005!*

Successes are commonplace at La Casa Hogar and the organization has a great future. One of our more immediate goals involves purchasing our home. The house, which is located at 106 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, is where we provide educational services for Hispanic women, children's learning services, emergency services, Spanish and intercultural classes, and sanctuary for people in need. In order to buy our house we need to raise \$150,000. The funds will be used to purchase the property, make some modifications and seed a maintenance fund. **The good news is that we have already raised \$95,000 towards this goal.** One of our donors has also given us a challenge gift that enables us to match contributions dollar for dollar. Your matching gift today



## Our Kitchen, Our Hearts

*Welcome to the table, everyone.*

Just in time for Christmas gift-giving, the women of La Casa Hogar wish to share with you *Our Kitchen, Our Hearts* - a cookbook that expresses their gift of cooking and offers a taste of their stories. Each woman's favorite recipe represents seasonal and family celebrations, life's struggles, and the simplicity of the universal joy of a home-cooked meal eaten and shared with those we love.

*Our Kitchen, Our Hearts* is our student's and staff's commitment and contribution toward achieving the goal to own our La Casa home where Hispanic women and children gather to learn English and prepare for their future. You too are invited, to join in the life of La Casa Hogar, where you will find home, and be nourished by friendship, family and the delicious meal of hope.

### Our Kitchen, Our Hearts

**COST: \$20 PER COPY**

### To Order

**Call:** La Casa Hogar (509) 457-5058 or

**E-mail:**  
carole@lacasahogar.org

### Delivery:

All orders placed by Dec. 20  
will be delivered by Dec. 23

or maybe picked up at La Casa Hogar, 106 So. 6th Street, Yakima.

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

**You're Invited!**  
**Save the date! March 19, 2006**  
*Annual Dinner and "Hidden Artists"*  
*Auction for La Casa Hogar Yakima*  
*Interfaith Coalition*

Mark your calendar today. We will be celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Casa Hogar and giving thanks for a successful capital campaign.

Be there!  
 It won't be the same without you.

**Students Celebrate end of Trimester**  
*English and Spanish student share music at fiesta.*

Celebration and laughter was served with a house filled with singing, Jingle Bells and Eres Tu. It was a time to be thankful for progress toward achieving goals such as speaking English, or Spanish, GED, obtaining learners driving permit or progress toward computer literacy. Certificates of completion were presented by teachers Terri Buchanan and Luz Monroy. The children made Christmas cards and presented them to their mothers. Volunteers Connie Stephens, Susi Freed and Marge Bigham helped the children make holiday cookies.



**Calling "Hidden Artists"**  
*Gifts of heart and talent make our "Hidden Artists" Auction wonderful.*

Local artists join artisans from Mexico and Latin America to create an especially interesting auction. Gifts from your travels are welcome. For more information contact us at 457-5058 or by email [carole@lacasahogar.org](mailto:carole@lacasahogar.org). The event is March 19, 2006.

**Been thinking about taking Spanish?**  
*New classes begin January 3, 2006.*

Call now to enroll in Spanish classes at La Casa Hogar 457-5058 or email [carole@lacasahogar.org](mailto:carole@lacasahogar.org). Class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning, 8-9 am. Emphasis is on practicing conversation in Spanish. Its fun, pressure free and your participation fee supports the programs of La Casa Hogar.

**Many Thanks**  
*Generosity makes a difference*  
 Wesley United Methodist members under the leadership of Rowena and Keith Case shared great Thanksgiving baskets with 8 families.

To all who contributed merchandise for our yard sale, the students raised \$1100.