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La Casa Hogar Newsletter

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Connecting Communities

Celebrating with La Casa Hogar

Sunday March 13, 2005 • Clarion Hotel • 1507 North 1st Street, Yakima

A lively, uplifting evening: delicious dinner, diverse company, inspiring stories, & a variety of interesting art to bid on at the **Silent Art Auction**.

Come celebrate, support and learn about what is happening at La Casa Hogar. Please call us at 457-5058 to make a reservation.

\$30 per person • Proceeds benefit La Casa Hogar/Yakima Interfaith Coalition

Sisters of Providence Recognized for their Service

A quiet and significant force in the life of YIC/La Casa Hogar

The Sisters of Providence are an incredible partner in our ministry and service. In the beginning of Yakima Interfaith Coalition they were an initial grantor with a gift of \$25,000 in 1990. Their faithful commitment throughout the years has continued in numerous ways. In 1994, they contributed \$20,000 to support a bilingual assistant position, and a grant of \$32,500 in 1995 launched our bilingual educational program for women and children, La Casa Hogar. The Sisters

continued their ministry support with a \$20,000 grant in 1996 and that year also became our landlord. Their generosity continues in the form of reduced rent, \$150 per month. Several individual sisters have also contributed their talents and passion to the work of our ministry as staff and volunteers, including Sister Roberta Rorke serving as an advisor and Sister Georgette Bayless serving on our Board of Directors. Thank you Sisters of Providence you truly are a blessing to our community.

Silent Auction Features Yakima's "Hidden Artists"

Enjoy delightful surprises



Kathy Moen, 2003

**Deborah Ann
Laura Baxter
Georgette Bayless
Ladd Bjerneby
Daniel Desiga
Jeanne Dillahunt
Beth Garretson
Bettie Ingham
Bob Inouye
Nanette Lee**

**Peggy Ludwick
Monique McFadden
Carol & Scott McKay
Nan Myra-McCann
Lis Pedemonte
Shelley Prescott
Jackie Prout
Rob Prout
Rick Sader
Lucy Valderhaug
And others...**

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

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Peggy Ludwick leads team planning Annual Dinner

Volunteers take time to share talents

Special thanks to Annual Dinner Committee Chair Peggy Ludwick and members Ann Willis, Rhonda Dolsen, Barb Smith-Gilbert, Marcie Ehlis, CeCe Ibarra, and Lois Belzer. Your hard work is appreciated!

Our women are sharing their creativity and craft talents. Fourteen La Casa students are creating decorations for the March 13 celebration.



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"Walking through the front door of La Casa Hogar is always a humbling experience. I am continually inspired by courageous, committed, hard-working, generous women who at first glance, seem very different from myself. But, of course, we have so much in common - as women, mothers, daughters, students of life."
-Peggy Ludwick

New Members Appointed to Board of Directors

The board welcomes Cathy Bambrick; Vice-President of External Affairs for Planned Parenthood of Central Washington, and Jorge Villaseñor; local businessman. They join Doug Peters, a retired attorney and Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Angie Pulido, a nurse case manager at the Yakima Valley Farmworker Clinic, and Sherie Leadon, Director of Provident Services. The Board anticipates increasing the size of the Board to 18 during the coming year.

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New at La Casa...

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Outreach through Voicemail

New service available at La Casa Hogar

Individuals without phones whom are looking for work, in transition, going through a crisis or just want to keep in contact with friends and family can now use Community Voicemail. People can sign up for free voicemail through Emergency Services. Community Voicemail was first implemented in Seattle in 1992 for the specific purpose of assisting homeless people while searching for work. The system expanded to the Yakima area because of needs facing the local homeless population. We are reaching a larger population by offering boxes in both Spanish and English.

"First, I need to practice my English. My goal is to take the GED in English. In the future I hope to get a different job."
-Student Marina Serrano

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18 Eager Students prepare for GED's

Heritage University Partnership

Our pre-GED program focuses on Spanish literacy and basic math skills to prepare our students for intensive GED preparation. We are giving women the skills they need to succeed in the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at Heritage University. The HEP program strives to provide educational opportunities for migrant and seasonal farmworker families. Eight students recently qualified and moved to the HEP program.

Students Elvia Alvarez, Obdilia Rodriguez, and Sinia Rodriguez in English class.

