



La Casa Hogar Newsletter

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Annual Report 2004

The year in review...

Thank you community! 2004 has been an amazing year for Yakima Interfaith Coalition La Casa Hogar. We have gained many new friends, partners in service and ministry. Our story and the stories of those we serve has touched many new hearts. The results, well, they're in the miracle department! New partners and relationships enhance services providing students more opportunities to achieve their goals. Parents see their children becoming ready for school. One mother proclaiming an exciting discovery said, "I didn't realize my child was so smart!" Because of our partnerships with local businesses, we were able to introduce to the community our Spanish immersion program; over 60 students participated. Our classes and facility are at maximum capacity. In our emergency services program, every afternoon many gather in our living room for a bit of respite from the street. We continue to see increased requests for services, particularly among the homeless.

Our board of directors this past year increased in size from 12 to a maximum of 18 members. They are seeking other leaders to join them in pursuit of our mission. They have decided to purchase our home which is the cornerstone of our organization and its future. Our new mission statement expresses it all. *As an expression of faith, our home nurtures strong communities... one person at a time.* We believe our home and family of services is a great investment. Please consider this an invitation to join with us and enjoy the benefits of regularly witnessing miracles.

In sincere gratitude, Carole, Executive Director

Fundraising Goals Reached

Connecting Communities Celebration Success

On March 13, over 300 people gathered to celebrate the mission of La Casa Hogar/Yakima Interfaith Coalition. Because of your generosity, we reached our goal. We raised \$17,500; almost double last years amount! Our guests enjoyed the variety of work from local artists and the personal testimonials by students and staff. Many people learned what a difference La Casa Hogar makes in the Yakima Valley as they enjoyed the decorations and company of our staff and students. Thank you to all of the committee members, donors, sponsors, and guests that made this event possible.



Event guest Nancy Fleugge takes a closer look at the art. The silent auction featured works from over 30 of the valley's "hidden artists".

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

Thank you for your Generosity!

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Lyla B Elefson	Maria D & Abraham Licea	David & Marletta Roberts	Lucile Young

Wish List

We are able to provide programs and services because of the dedication of our volunteers.

Come and share your skills and talents with us! We have the following needs:

- Clothing Bank attendants for Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-12 p.m.
 - Spanish speaking instructor for Basic Computer Class
- Emergency Services Volunteer for Mondays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 - Volunteers to help with daily tasks and projects

If interested, please contact Janeel at La Casa Hogar, 457-5058.

Thank you Businesses, Organizations, and Faith Communities

Alliance Communications
Bank of America
Banner Bank
Best Orchards Ranch
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Brown & Cole Stores
Catholic Credit Union
Catholic Family & Child Services
City of Yakima CDBG-LS
Computer Solutions
Cuevas & Villa Inc.
CWCMH Yakima
Deseret Sales, Inc
Dominican Sisters
Franciscan Foundation
Fred Meyer Stores
Glen's Heating & Air Conditioning
Goodwill Industries of the Yakima Valley
Gress Kinney & Parrish Insurance
Heritage University
MSI Construction
Nelson Farrier Shop, Inc.

Peters & Fowler
Planned Parenthood of Central Washington
Prudential Realty
Safeway Stores
Salvation Army
SEIU
The Capitol Theatre
The Layman Family Foundation
The Memorial Foundation
United Way of King County
Washington Service Corps
Wellness House
Yakima Herald Republic
Yakima Public Schools
Yakima Regional Medical & Heart Center
Yakima Rotary Charities
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic
Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital
Yakima Valley Museum & Historical Assn.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Central Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Church

Christian Women's Fellowship
Diocese of Yakima
East Valley Reformed Church
Englewood Christian Church
First Baptist Church
First Presbyterian Church
Holden Village
Holy Family Catholic Church
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
Sisters of Providence
St. Francis House
St Joseph Catholic Church
St Paul's Cathedral
St Vincent de Paul Conference
St. Michael Parish
St. Timothy Episcopal
Terrace Height Community Presbyterian
Unitarian Universalist Church
United Christian Church
Unity Church of the Valley
Wesley United Methodist Church
Westminister Presbyterian Church
Yakima Association of Churches

We would like to share our story with you.

Our new friends often say, "I had no idea what incredible things are happening here."

Lunch on Us!

*...Enjoy a spirit of hospitality
...Savor a delicious home cooked meal
...Discover Yakima's hidden treasure*

The women of La Casa Hogar are hosting lunch at "our home." Lunch will be **May 17, from 11:45-1:00 p.m.** If interested in attending, please call Amanda or Carole at 457-5058 or send an e-mail to carole@lacasahogar.org.

Our Home is a Great Investment

La Casa Hogar Plans to purchase "Our home" by the end of the year

As the summer unfolds we will be sharing with you specifics about our hopes and dreams for the future of La Casa Hogar/Yakima Interfaith Coalition. To peak your curiosity we would like to share two pieces of information. By years end we plan to purchase our current facility and to begin to explore the question *what will our organization be like 5-8 years from now?* Secondly, we are actively pursuing resources through the Homeless Network of Yakima County to create a drop-in center for homeless adults and embark on discovering ways to empower homeless people and others served through our emergency services to become more self-sufficient. You are invited to join with us.

Conversational Spanish

Have you been wanting to learn Spanish? La Casa Hogar will be teaching a beginning Spanish immersion course. It will be 4 hours a day combining classroom and practical conversation, taught by a team of native Spanish speakers. Reserve your space today. 457-5058

La Casa Hogar Offerings:

June 27-July 1, 1-5 p.m. Sept. 26-30, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Aug. 22-26, 9-1 p.m. Sept. 19-23, 9-12 p.m.
Immersion at Holden Village June 13-17

Campbell Farm Opportunities:

¡Español Rápido in Wapato!

Level I: July 18-23, Mon-Sat 9-5 p.m.

Level II: July 24-30, Mon-Sat 9-5 p.m.

(509) 877-6413, www.nwinfo.net/~campbellfarm

"A warm, non-threatening learning experience which melds people of different Spanish abilities together in a fun cooperative educational opportunity of language and cultural enrichment."

-Ann Willis, Spanish Student

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Educational Services	Hours	# Served
Children's Programs	1622	143
Youth's Programs	300	26
Nutrition & Exercise	79	11
Driving Classes	398	41
ESL	2860	169
Learning Basket	144	26
English Immersion	172	10
Computer Education	685	61
GED Classes	48	4
Sewing	20	14
Leadership	56	7
Literacy	76	11
Spanish	258	17
Swimming	56	14
September Experience	697	43

Emergency Services & Clothing Bank

Extending the caring hand and warm heart of the churches and the community to anyone seeking assistance with an emergency need.

Emergency Assistance: \$21,394
 Households Served: 1,547
 Clothing Bank Households Served: 383
Total People Served: 8,392

Emergency Items Needed

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Tampons

Women's Discussion Group

This new group meets weekly for women to find comfort and support in new friends. Topics such as self-esteem and domestic violence are discussed in a friendly, homelike atmosphere where women feel comfortable sharing. Lead by volunteer Hilda Acevedo, women share their personal stories with this intimate group.

Garage Sale!!!

May 14 at La Casa Hogar
 Accepting quality donations on May 13
 Call Janeel at 457-5058 for more information

The Yakima Interfaith Coalition was founded by 30 faith communities in 1988; La Casa Hogar began in 1995. La Casa Hogar serves highly motivated women and their children from the large Hispanic population in Yakima.

Women's Education...

Empowering women to achieve the dreams they have for themselves and their families.

Total Hours: 6,070

Women Served: 419, Children Served: 183



The Children's Learning Center offers a variety of fun activities. Children participate in the structured pre-school like program while their mothers attend classes. The program prepares children and mothers for school.

Income: \$155,710	Expenses: \$153,667
Churches: 30%	Women's Programs: 36%
Fundraisers: 18%	Emergency Assistance: 24%
United Way: 16%	Fundraising: 18%
Grants: 15%	Administration: 15%
Individuals: 7%	Children's Programs: 7%
Organizations: 7%	
Other: 7%	

Children's Homework Center

More women attend evening classes

Women can attend evening classes while their older children participate in the homework center. This structured learning environment provides children with reading, writing, and math help to excel in school. Women gain another opportunity to become engaged in their child's learning process, and children in grades 3-8 get extra practice. Thanks you La Casa volunteers Deanne Shute, Betty Mann, and Patsy Cessa for making this exciting opportunity possible.