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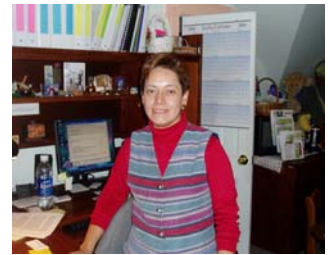
Women of La Casa Hogar Speak at State Hearing



As part of the "Washington Learns Committee", Governor Gregoire assembled a diverse group of business, community, education, government and minority leaders from all across Washington to create a roadmap for building on the education system of Washington.

Enedina Licea (left) and Luz Monroy (right), both on staff at La Casa Hogar, brought unique testimony to the Committee. Monroy addressed the need to increase cultural sensitivity in the educational system and implement more parent education to empower parents

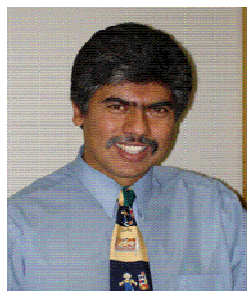
to help their children. She spoke from her own experiences as a parent. Licea, as Program Coordinator for Children's Educational Services at La Casa Hogar, addressed the issue of affordable early learning options for families that are above the federal poverty standard (thus preventing them from participating in headstart) but don't make enough to pay the more expensive fees of private pre-schools.



Board Welcomes New Member

Nicolas Zavala Joins Board of Directors

Nicolas has a passion for students and parents. Through his leadership at the Yakima School District, parents have found a path to greater school involvement. He is diligent in discovering innovative ways to build bridges between schools and the community. A native of Michoacán Mexico, he is Executive Director of Federal and State Programs for the Yakima School District. He holds a PhD from Gonzaga University. "Nicolas is an amazing gift to our community. We are honored to have his expertise and service on our board," said Executive Director Carole Folsom-Hill.



LUNCH ON US

Mark Your Calendars

Learn more about the work of La Casa Hogar at the upcoming Lunch on Us programs ... November 14th, and December 12th. Please consider bringing a friend to meet us. Call 457-5058, for reservations.

Yakima Interfaith Coalition Awarded Grant

Marguerite Casey Foundation Recognizes Unique Work of Yakima Interfaith Coalition

Preceded by our reputation that we seek to educate and empower those who come through our doors, the Marguerite Casey Foundation invited La Casa Hogar Yakima Interfaith Coalition to apply for their funds. A grant of \$40,000, for a two year period was awarded in September. It will be used to conduct education and empowerment programs and contribute to organizational capacity building. Thank you to Lynn Biggs of Casey Family Programs for our referral to the foundation.



*Working together as an expression of faith,
 our home nurtures strong communities... one Person at a time..*

Four Homeless People Now Have Permanent Home
 Yakima Interfaith Provides Support Services Through New Project

Single chronically homeless people now have access to supportive affordable housing through a HUD McKinney grant. Housing with additional support through case management services will assist people in making the adjustment from living on the street to having a home. Steve Gaulke, outreach worker for homeless people said, "This is the first time there has been a resource for *single* people in Yakima. It is a wonderful opportunity and a great step forward for the people I serve through outreach." Prior to receiving this McKinney grant, affordable HUD housing has only been available to homeless families. Thanks to Central Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Church and United Christian Church whose congregations so generously furnished these apartments.

Thank YOU

- Larry Cornell - coordination and installation of a new underground irrigation system
- Young Neighbors in Action-summer mission work
- Teresa Mendoza & 6 of the GED students who prepared served dinner at the Harmon Center for 85 people & raised \$425 for our programs

Spanish Immersion Classes Continue to Fill
 More Options Offered to Meet Growing Need

Immersion classes for beginning-to-intermediate level Spanish speakers continue to be in demand at La Casa Hogar. September's class hosted eight new students, four of whom expressed a desire to volunteer their talents. After the class finished. New student Becky Renault said, "*With no previous Spanish language experience, this class was the perfect way to learn a variety of vocabulary words and be introduced to the language. Not only were we able to gain knowledge in the language, we were able to learn about the beautiful Mexican cultures. It inspired me to learn more.*"



NEW!!

Conversational Spanish for intermediate and advanced Spanish speakers is now being offered. This is a series of 6 90 minute classes, each with a theme for discussion. The group will also be invited to read in Spanish the book "Lluviade de Oro", by Victor Villasenor, and 20 minutes of each session will be used to discuss the book. For more information contact Carole at 457-5058.

Proceeds to Benefit La Casa Hogar
 "Mighty Tieton" Fall Festival and
 Yakima Antique Show

***A portion of the proceeds
 to benefit La Casa Hogar.***

Over 40 Antiques Vendors
 Quilt Show by the "Anything Goes Quilters"
 Kite Exhibition by the Drachen Foundation
 Food
 Live Music

Friday, October 20 4 until 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 21 10 until 6 p.m.
Sunday, October 22 11 until 4 p.m.

Admission is \$8.
 Children under 12 are free.

*Mighty Tieton Warehouse,
 608 Wisconsin Avenue, Tieton, WA*

Mark Shotgun's Life Honored
 Memorial Service Held in Community Garden

On September 6th, Mark Shotgun's life was remembered and celebrated in the Community Garden where he had spent much of the last year of his life. Mark was part of a little group of homeless men who gathered within the 6th Street alley. Long-time friend, Larry Connell, remembered Mark as a fine athlete who had attended Davis High School, and later graduated from college with a degree in accounting. He went on to say, "*What responsibility do I have to help others like Mark? From all the money I see spent on programs to help less fortunate people, it does seem to me that the resources do exist to provide these men some sort of facility where they can sleep, be safe from youth gangs, have a place out of the cold. . . We could provide some basic simple foods and a more healthful environment.*"