



Sister Georgette Bayless, SP  
YIC Board Member

## Sisters of Providence Give Gift of Heat

*Low income people find it nearly impossible to cover heating costs.*

The funds will allow our Emergency Services program to help additional people with heat during the harsh winter months. Imagine needing to choose between food and being warm. Recently an elderly woman came to Interfaith Coalition requesting help. She had been out of oil for 6 days, the temperature was in the low twenties. She could not pay the minimum \$250.00 which is required to have oil delivered. With these funds we were able help her have heat in her home. Her sense of gratitude warmed those who served her.

## Board of Directors Establishes The Annabelle Housing Fund

*In remembrance of the ones lost to the streets, providing resources for housing, ending the pain and suffering of homelessness.*

Sometimes as little as twenty-five dollars a month can make a significant difference to a person struggling with being homeless.

A single woman who has been chronically homeless and struggles with many medical issues moved into the Cascade Apartments with the expectation her public assistance would start in mid December. Due to state errors her assistance did not start. The owner was not very understanding and she was served an eviction notice. Resources from Annabelle fund were used to prevent her return to homelessness. She is now able to pay her rent on a regular basis and has been doing well in her new home.

The **Annabelle Housing Fund** is a source of financial assistance providing resources to reduce and prevent homelessness for single adults. Funds will be used to pay for rent and or deposit, or rental subsidy to enable housing stability when there are no other resources. The average need per person is about \$150.

If you have a heart for helping homeless people consider a regular gift to the Annabelle Fund. Your gift will make a huge difference for someone. Our goal is \$5000.

## Cancer Support Group in Spanish for Women

*Wellness House & La Casa Hogar Partners*

Next month we will begin a cancer support group at La Casa Hogar. The group will be facilitated by a cancer survivor who speaks Spanish. It will be held weekly on Fridays. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet a critical need in the Hispanic community.

## Giving Back

*Homeless men contribute their skills and time to help out at Yakima Interfaith La Casa Hogar.*

Several months ago Paul, a homeless man came to Interfaith for help. He now helps others who come for emergency services. Being homeless does not stop him from sharing whatever he has to offer. Sometimes, it's a ride or fixing a door and there is always time for some friendly conversation. He is an inspiration. Even though he has very little, he is always willing to give of himself to make life a little easier for others in need.

And Terry, lightens the staff's burden. Whenever it snows he is there to shovel the walk ways. He drops by every day or so to see how he can help. The joy on his face is a delight to experience!

## Mark your Calendar

February 16, Cookbook Signing Reception  
Thur.4:00-6:00

February 21,  
Tue.11:45-1:15

*Lunch on Us!*

March 12,  
Sunday Wesley United Methodist  
Dessert Auction for La Casa Hogar

March 19,  
Sunday, 4-7 **Annual Dinner & Silent Art Auction**



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## La Casa Hogar Newsletter

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## Ninfa Gutierrez helps dreams come true for Hispanic women

*Founder and visionary make a difference in our community.*

Ninfa Gutierrez dreamed of a place where women would be welcomed and accepted for who they are; where women would be empowered through personal encouragement and education, a place where they would find hope, courage and love. In 1995 La Casa Hogar began as a program of Yakima Interfaith Coalition. Ninfa served as its first coordinator. In the minutes of the 1996 annual meeting Ninfa reported "...The women are very gracious and appreciative. The whole community benefits when the women grow and learn."

### 10th Anniversary Celebration

Enjoy dinner and a festive evening of diverse company, inspiring stories and a silent auction featuring beautiful art of local and Hispanic artisans.

**Sunday, March 19, 2006**

**Time, 4:00 to & 7:00 p.m.**

**Clarion Hotel, Yakima, WA**

For information call 457-5058  
or e-mail carole@lacahogar.org



## Cookbook Dedicated to Helen Jewett-Shields

*A beautiful woman filled with love and generosity  
makes it possible for us to own our home.*

During Helen's visits to La Casa Hogar she has expressed how much she enjoys the women who gather here and our home. Her gift expresses her gracious desire for us to own our home. It is with deep appreciation that we dedicate The Heart of our Home to Helen.



Helen Jewett-Shields & Eloisa Gonzales, La Casa Cook

## Please Join Us Reception and Book Signing!

Thursday, February 16, 4:00-6:00

La Casa Hogar, 106 So. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Cookbooks will be available to pick-up.

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