



## CASA ALBA MELANIE

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*Hispanic Resource Center of Greater Green Bay*

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## WHAT'S GOING AND GROWING AT CASA ALBA MELANIE

### PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Casa ALBA offers many Programs and Activities that further our mission: to nurture the well-being and wholesome development of all members of the Hispanic community living in the greater Green Bay area. The activities that we provide include the following:

**Educational Services:** Early Childhood Family Program, Spanish GED Classes, Healthy Lifestyles, Computer Classes, Spanish Literacy, Youth Tutoring & Mentoring and Drivers Education.

**Community Liaison:** Cultural Diversity, Hispanic Advocacy, Police Liaison, Neville Museum Exhibit, Political Leader Meetings, and Voter Registration, GB Police New Recruit Orientation and College Networks.

**Professional Services:** Brown County Health Nurse, Green Bay City Attorneys, Legal Paperwork, Immigration Attorney, DACA Renewals & Applications, Medical Insurance Consultation, District Attorney, Education Info & Referral and Police Info & Referral.

**Socialization & Family Needs:** Youth Sports Training, Senior Citizens Group, Sewing Classes, St. Vincent de Paul, Women's Support Group, and BOLD--young women of diversity.

**General Services:** Document Translation, Notary Public, Pastoral Services, Agency Referrals, Medical Dental Referrals, Financial Consulting, Employment Referrals, Housing Advocacy, Energy Assistance and Phone Consultations.

### BOARD RETIREMENTS

**Attorney Tom Olejniczak, Valerie Corrigan, Deacon Luis Sanchez, Aurora Cortes and Father Ken DeGroot** have retired from the Casa ALBA Melanie Board of Directors. The Casa ALBA Board has term limits on its Directors and those term limits have been reached. Each of these Board members have provided exemplary service to the organization. Most have been with the organization since its inception in 2011. In fact, Valerie Corrigan has served as Board President for the past two years. We thank each of these members for their years of service. Father Ken, who co-founded Casa ALBA, will continue to serve as a volunteer and Development Director of the organization.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Father Paul Demuth, Attorney Robert Gagan, Olga Santana, Gratzia Villarroel, and Liliana Ramirez** have been elected to the Casa ALBA Board of Directors. **Father Paul**, who recently retired as a Senior Priest in the Green Bay Diocese, has a long history of involvement with the Hispanic community beginning in High School Seminary with catechetical ministry among the migrants that worked in the Mishicot area. **Bob Gagan** has supported the Hispanic community for many years with

legal advice at Casa ALBA. **Olga Santana** has supported Casa ALBA since its inception. **Gratzia Villarroel**, a Political Science professor at St. Norbert College, provides exciting connections to the College. **Liliana Ramirez**, UW extension nutritionist, has volunteered her health care expertise at Casa ALBA.

### 2018 CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES & UPDATES

**Spanish GED** has resumed on Mondays & Wednesdays from 5:30-8pm.

**Early Childhood Family Program** (Escuelita) meets Thursdays, 9:00-10:30am at Grace Lutheran Church.

**Spanish Story-Telling** for families with children birth through 2yrs (El Cuenta Cuentos) meets Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00am.

**DACA renewals** on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**The Brown County nurse** offers free blood pressure screenings on Weds., from 1:00-2:30pm.

**The Women's Support group** meets Thursdays from 4:00-5:30pm

**The "Strong Women"** (Mujeres Fuertes) exercise group meets Mondays and Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm at Sts. Peter & Paul gym starting Feb. 5 (10 weeks)

**Senior Citizens** (Vida Joven) meets Wednesdays from 12:30—3:00pm

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**THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!**

The Green Bay Packers Foundation will match donations made online at [giveBIGgreenbay.org](http://giveBIGgreenbay.org) from noon to noon on **February 27 & 28, 2018**



### WE'RE IN!

We are happy to announce that Casa ALBA Melanie has been selected to participate in Give Big Green Bay. This is the first community-wide giving day in Brown County. Casa ALBA Melanie is one of 31 local non-profits selected to participate in this innovative new Program. On February 27 & 28 charitable contributions will be matched through a \$250,000 donation by the Green Bay Packers. #giveBIGgb #PackersGiveBack

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE ...

Participation is easy! Online donations may be made at: [www.giveBIGgreenbay.org](http://www.giveBIGgreenbay.org). Casa ALBA is listed under education and human services.

### THANKS VOLUNTEERS

Year-end 2017 volunteer tracking showed 91 Casa ALBA Melanie volunteers donated 4,550.6 hours at a value of \$184,402.58. In addition, 11 volunteers donated 395.9 hours valued at \$17,600.99, but are not included in the organization's Income Statement, due to GAAP accounting rules. Thank you to all our volunteers!

### FACEBOOK LIKES

The Hispanic community often uses Facebook to communicate. Casa ALBA has stepped up to encourage greater use of this social media. We now have 1,164 Facebook likes, up from 404 in 2016 and 593 in 2017.

### ESTAMOS AQUI

The Estamos Aquí ("We are Here") exhibit at the Neville Museum features the artifacts and personal stories of many Latino families in Northeastern Wisconsin. The bilingual exhibit celebrates the diverse cultures and traditions that have endured emigration from across Latin America. This collaborative exhibit was developed with Neville Museum staff and Casa ALBA Melanie. The exhibit will be hosted at the Neville Museum until the end of April 2018. Don't miss this extraordinary exhibit. For more information, visit the Neville Museum website.

### DACA UPDATE

Casa ALBA continues to work with the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) Program. We work with 425 Dreamers to renew their DACA certification while it is available. For more information contact Pilar Campos at (920) 445-0104.

### ENDOWMENT CREATED

Casa ALBA Melanie has created an endowment with the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. We plan to deposit any excess operating funds into this professionally managed account to ensure continued financial viability of the organization.

### MOBILE CONSULATE

Mobile Consulate events have been scheduled for 2018. The Mexican Consulate is scheduled for May 5, 2018 and Oct. 13, 2018 at St. Willebrord.

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