



Casa ALBA Melanie

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Hispanic Resource Center of Greater Green Bay

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WHAT'S NEW AT CASA ALBA MELANIE



VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Most of the services Casa ALBA Melanie provides are the result of the charitable works of our volunteers. In fact, Casa ALBA does not receive any local, state or federal tax support. So far in 2016, 54 volunteers have logged in 4,117 donated hours valued at over \$150,000. Another 8 volunteers, not meeting the IRS definition of "specialized skills", offered another 180 hours valued at almost \$3,000. **Thank you volunteers and supporters, you make what we do possible!**

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

With the start of the new school year, a partnership between Casa ALBA and UWGB begins anew. **Lynn Kimball**, a retired Green Bay Area Public Schools teacher, and UWGB students with support from UWGB's **Aurora Cortes** offer no-cost early childhood education classes at Casa ALBA. The Program kicks-off on Oct. 11.

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. Here is a run-down of our current Programs:

Educational Services: Computer Classes, Drivers Education, Early Childhood Education, GED Classes, Healthy Lifestyles, Home Health Care Classes Spanish Literacy and Youth Tutoring & Mentoring.

Community Liaison: Cultural Diversity, Hispanic Advocacy, Police Liaison, Political Leader Meetings, Voter Registration, Neville Museum Exhibit and Young Professionals Group.

Professional Services: Brown County Health Nurse, Green Bay City Attorney, Legal Paperwork, Immigration Attorney, DACA 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 and Women's Support Group.

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

DRIVERS EDUCATION

Mayra Aguilar, a volunteer, has begun to offer drivers education classes at Casa ALBA. Classes are typically offered from 5 PM to 6:30 PM on Tues. and Thurs. of each week. The classes are offered in Spanish and prepare students for the written exam. Registration is \$15 and cover the cost of the driver's manual. Call to take your place.

VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATON

This summer and fall, Casa ALBA has worked with the League of Women Voters to establish several people in the Hispanic community that can help our clients register to vote. The goal is to provide the ability for our neighbors to exercise their most important right, the right to vote.

WORKING WITH GREEN BAY POLICE

Casa Alba clients and volunteers have participated in meetings with Green Bay's new police chief, Andrew Smith. The meetings are often held at the Father Ken DeGroot Parish Center at St. Willebrord Parish. The meetings encourage open dialogue between the local Hispanic community and area police. Open communication on the challenges of both the police force and the Hispanic community are designed to avoid some of the concerns faced by other communities across the country.



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NEVILLE MUSEUM EXHIBIT PLANNED

Plans are underway for an exhibit at the Neville Public Museum that is: "Celebrating the Latino Identity in NE Wisconsin." Artifacts from all 25 Latin American cultures are being collected at Casa ALBA and will be on display at the museum. The exhibit will take place from May 5, 2017 to May 5, 2018. The goal of this exhibit is to connect the residents of Northeast Wisconsin and Brown County with the emerging and diverse Latino communities that have settled here. From recent arrivals to those families who have lived in the region for generations, this bilingual exhibit will celebrate the stories and traditions that have endured immigration from central and south America, while also discussing the challenges that many families continue to face each day.

MEXICAN CONSULATE MILWAUKEE OFFICE

On June 15, 2016, the Mexican Consulate established a new office in Milwaukee. Prior to the opening of the Milwaukee consulate, the Chicago office served Mexican residents in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, a population of more than 3 million. The consulate will serve 53 counties in Wisconsin as well as 12 counties from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

MOBILE MEXICAN CONSULATE - GREEN BAY

Casa ALBA is working with the new Mexican Consulate in Milwaukee to offer a Mobile Consulate on Sat. Oct. 12 at St. Willebrord's Parish in Green Bay. The Mobile Consulate will offer 250 appointments to provide birth certificates, passports and Matricular Consular services. The Mobile Consulate allows area residents to access these Consulate services without otherwise having to travel to Chicago or Milwaukee.

MENTORING/TUTORING PROGRAM BEGINS

Jeff Sielaff, retired Principal at Green Bay Preble High School, is leading a new tutoring and mentoring Program at Casa ALBA Melanie. Jeff will offer his expertise to Hispanic students and encourage both short-term and long-term academic success to our Hispanic youth. The Tutoring and Mentoring Program began with the new school year and will continue through the school year.

LEGAL PAPERWORK

Dennis Rader, a local retired attorney, has regular office hours at Casa ALBA. He helps our Spanish speaking clients better understand the legal (English) documents that they are asked to approve and sign. His goal is to explain the legal meaning of the documents each of us so often sign.

NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED

Through the generosity of a donor, Casa ALBA has been able to implement a new computer system. A \$6,000 contribution paid the cost of: one new computer, six user licenses to MS Office Premium 365 and six licenses to Cayen System's DataPropeller software.

The DataPropeller system, in particular, will allow us to track all of our Programs and Activities in a single computer program. The system was deployed with 100% volunteer labor. It tracks People, Programs, Participation and Progress of all our clients. It also offers a Portal to enroll in our Activities.

In the past, Casa ALBA Melanie has been unable to apply for grants to fund our ongoing operations, since we had insufficient data. The system will allow us to apply for grants from the United Way, the Greater Green Bay Foundation and other funding sources.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Recent Board elections at Casa ALBA results were: **Valerie Corrigan**, of the Green Bay Area Public Schools was elected President. **Eileen Littig**, of CESA 7, was elected 1st Vice President. **Natalia Sidon**, of the Green Bay Police Department, was elected 2nd Vice President. **Katie Dykes**, of Prevea, was elected Secretary. **Veronica Sanchez**, was elected Treasurer.