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Expanded Youth Program launched to keep kids enthusiastic about school and excelling in class



Dorys Zelaya, Ana Callejas and Giorgianna Ramos make their own paper from recycled materials.

“I like coming to Centro Latino because I get to do experiments that we don’t do in school where the classes are larger. I’m learning new strategies for Math and Reading, too. I hope it will improve my grades.”

—Jennifer Moreno, JLSA participant

Board Notes

Centro Latino de Chelsea wishes to express its utmost gratitude to **Tito Meza**, who recently stepped down from the Board after many years of service. Tito is a well-known community activist and has successfully led the development of Proyecto Hondureño, as well as many other community initiatives. Thank you for your commitment; we wish you well.

¡Sí, se puede!

JLSA seeks volunteers and financial support to carry out new program components

Do you know how to make paper? The kids in Jóvenes Latinos Saliendo Adelante, Centro’s after-school program for Chelsea seventh graders, do. Through a partnership with the Axis Science Project run by the Intercultural Center for Research in Education in Arlington, MA, JLSA youth participants had the opportunity to learn how paper is made, and then to try it themselves.

The youth program has incorporated many exciting, hands-on activities related to core subjects, such as this one, to enhance student learning and curiosity. In addition to the Axis partnership, Junior Achievement will provide the program with materials on financial literacy. Centro’s Computer Technology Program has also designed a technology curriculum for the kids that ranges from basic skills to advanced, such as desktop publishing and presentations. The main goal of the program is to help participants raise their grades in school and to spark enthusiasm for learning.

The program staff also hope to recruit peer and adult mentors from Chelsea High School and the community to help support the youth in their academic development.

JLSA has been part of the Latino After-School Initiative (LASI), funded by the United Way, for the last four years. This partnership has provided funding and program support that has been integral to the program’s development. For more information on JLSA and how you can get involved, contact Centro Latino.



CENTRO LATINO DE CHELSEA

MISSION

To improve the quality of life and promote the self-determination of Latinos in Chelsea and surrounding communities through economic development, education, health and social well-being strategies.



Thank you to **Stop 'n Shop, the Chelsea Soldier's Home** and all the **volunteers** who helped make Thanksgiving so delicious!

Thanksgiving Community Luncheon 2005

434 people came through the doors of Centro Latino on November 23 to enjoy a hot meal and the company of fellow community members. This year was the tenth annual Thanksgiving Community Luncheon at Centro, an event which has become a hallmark to the start of the holiday season in Chelsea. Stop 'n Shop again sponsored the festivities by donating all the food (including 15 turkeys and 15 rounds of pork!). Centro is fortunate to be a part of such a generous community.

Perfil Client Profile



Raul has taken four computer classes at Centro Latino and, as a result, has been promoted to a supervisor position.

Raul Tomalá came to the U.S. from Ecuador six years ago and works as a maintenance engineer. He came to Centro hoping to learn some new skills so that he could get a higher level job. As a result, he was promoted to a managerial position in which he supervises 26 employees. Now he uses his new computer skills to prepare reports, email clients, process payroll, and manage daily operations. Raul's goal is to open his own business as a electric engineer.

“The teaching method in the classes has been very helpful, everything is hands-on. The skills I've learned will be useful when I open my own business. The next class I want to take is web design, so my services can be online.”

Enfoque Program Highlights

Computer Classes beginning January 16, 2006

Improve your computer skills! The following courses will be offered in January:

- Intro to Computers
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Graphic Design
- Web Design
- Quickbooks Accounting Software
- Computer Repair

All courses are taught in Spanish and include 30 hours of instruction over 10 weeks. Call (617) 884-3238 for more information.

Don't Turn Your Back on AIDS! World AIDS Day 2005

Community members gathered at Centro on December 1 to commemorate World Aids Day and to remind people to keep the promise to continue fighting HIV/AIDS in the community. Unfortunately, the Latino community

Centro's Health Department organized the event, which included presentations by Juan Vega and Albeiro Restrepo from Centro, Judith Molinari from MGH, and Father Tom Callard from St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The group held a candlelight vigil and silent march down

Broadway. Chelsea ASAP helped promote the event.



Centro staff, Mauricio Rodriguez, stands in front of a quilt made by the members of Centro's HIV Support Group to commemorate World Aids Day.