

THE CASA CALLER

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There is a destiny that makes
us brothers;
None goes his way alone:
All that we send into the
lives of others
Comes back into our own.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE CASA?

Have you been by? Did you go in and meet the people who work there? And the others who come to learn and play there? Perhaps you have something that will help someone else at the Casa. Something that you may not be using, such as some spare time, spare money or even some spare possessions.

Roses should be sent!

to the many people who have given of their time and energy to make the summer so much nicer for others.

A big bouquet should be sent to our Director, Marcia Ingram. If you come by the Casa, you may be lucky enough to meet this remarkable woman. Because of her, the Casa De Amigos has truly grown this past year. Just to watch her work is a lesson in love and patience, for the children swarm into her office and around her desk. Here the children know that they are wanted, so the Casa feels like the home of a large and loving family.

Marcia Ingram, Casa Director

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Sister Marcia Huber, SMIC, a Roman Catholic Sister belonging to a Missionary Order who staff St. Ann's School in Midland is directing a multifaceted program at Carver Learning Center. It began on June 21 and will continue to August 11 for preschool and elementary age children.

Nine Neighborhood Youth Corps teenagers, paid by the Federal Government, are working in this program which gives them an opportunity to experience teaching situations. There are 43 three to six year olds enrolled in the morning program. The afternoon program is for elementary school age children with a choice between an arts and crafts class and a drama program. The children are also being tested to determine their tutoring needs. Mrs. Chris Couden, a public school teacher and several NYC aides are assisting Sister Marcia in tutoring these children. Mrs. Lee Harlay is providing music classes twice a week for the proschoolers.

Much support is needed for this program, both financial and especially adult volunteers for tutoring.

The Midland Public Library has supplied books for all age levels to the Read-In room at Carver. These books may be borrowed anytime of the day.

The program's primary aim is to give the children an atmosphere conducive to good feelings about themselves and ready them for elementary school. Visitors welcome from 9 to 12 AM and 1:30 to 3:30 PM weekdays.

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With the cooperation of Mr. Clarence Johnson and the Midland Public Schools, we were able, for the time, to offer shop to our Boys Club.

We are most grateful to Walgreens, Gibsons, Sears, Peytons and the many individuals and churches which have furnished us with the badly needed materials and supplies, so necessary in our summer programs.

Recognition and deep thanks should go to Roger Southall of the Reporter-Telegram for the sympathetic treatment of the articles he has written about the Casa and its projects.

We appreciate the help that the Park Center Wives have given in picking up and transporting the children this summer.

Minor Things?

Do you have a Sunday school class or a group of young people who need a small project to work on? A project that is not too involved but will give them a sense of really helping others. Then call Mary Ann Young at 694-5903. She has a lot of small projects that need doing around the Casa. (She also has a few bigger jobs that older groups might like to take on.)

Help!

Casa, along with Action Line Fish and St. Andrews Community Center is trying to raise funds to help a very deserving family. The family has recently moved here from Colorado and is not eligible for state or county welfare. The wife is expecting a baby the early part of August by Caesarean section. At this time she is continuing to work to try to save for the hospitalization, but they have had many setbacks. St. Lukes Methodist WSCS generously contributed \$60 to apply towards the hospital deposit. If any church or civic organization or individual is interested in helping this family, please contact one of the three above agencies.

Rap on Race -- Something new in Midland

Rap on race is a tri-racial encounter session aimed primarily at incoming high school seniors. The sessions, with equal representation from the three major ethnic cultures, was moderated by Mr. Melvyn Goffigon, a retired civil service employee from New York. The purpose of the sessions is to establish an atmosphere for young people to come together to discuss questions of general interest to the various cultures and creating a climate of better understanding and good will for the youth of our community. If there is enough interest among young people out of school, either working or attending college, additional sessions will be scheduled.

Mr. John Kennedy the new manager of Avis Rent A Car has given us the use of a new Plymouth Satellite. We are most grateful for the transportation.

Reminders:

We are still in need of good quality rummage, especially childrens clothing.

We invite anyone interested to come by to see our ojo de Dios, our paper flowers (all sizes and designs, can be made to specifications) and our lovely Mexican dresses, shirts, blouses and aprons. They are exquisitely hand embroidered by our ladies and all profits go directly to the ladies.