

CASA de AMIGOS

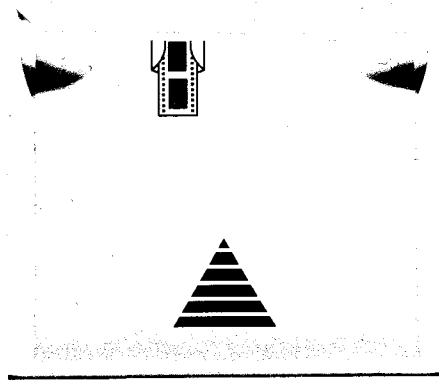
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Mark your calendars for September 13: On this day, Marsha Samponaro, Reading Specialist for MISD, will conduct an orientation session for all Casa tutors. Our tutoring program is fulfilled through the efforts of volunteers and its focus is children in the primary grades who need that extra attention which can't be provided in a crowded classroom. Sessions are held Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. Supervisors of the program are Helen Cronenburg and Florence Mailey. Tutors and substitute tutors are needed. In case you are considering volunteering, here are the requirements: You can read, You can write, and You are concerned that these children get a firm foundation in education. Tutoring sessions begin September 18. Call Casa; we need your help!

Please join us in welcoming our newest staff member, Norma Johnson. Norma and her husband have moved to Midland after several years with Peace Corps in Central America. Norma's duties with Casa include Program Development. Currently she is concentrating on the establishment of interesting and innovative Senior Citizen programs.

It seems as if we're always asking for things in this newsletter! It doesn't mean we aren't grateful for the many material and personal contributions to Casa, but our gratitude would fill many more pages than this. Therefore, we confine ourselves to requests --- and here they are:

- Needed: Sewing Instructors for our classes which are held on Wednesdays from 10:00 A.M.-12:00P.M. and 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. Basic dressmaking skills are taught.
- Needed: Good quality clothing, especially children's clothing. This is sold for 10¢ per garment in our rummage room. Remember the Casa when you're cleaning out closets!
- Needed: "Easy to Read" and "I Can Read Myself" books for 1-2-3 grade youngsters.
- Needed: One Very Special Volunteer to help with outreach. At times our clients are in need of follow-up contact, much of which can be made via telephone. A background in Spanish would be helpful but not mandatory. If you are interested, please call for more information.



Our new building has made it possible to expand our program here at Casa. Having additional space has meant that we could provide daily recreational and educational activities for Senior Citizens. This summer has been a busy one, with over 40 Senior Citizens participating in these various classes: English/Spanish, First Aid, Quilting, Sewing, Macrame, Personal Grooming, Voting Instructions (and Registration), Ornamental Plant Care, and Social Security. Other activities included field trips to the Planetarium and Library and a bingo party sponsored by a group of Levi Straus employees. (These employees comprise the self-funded Community Involvement Team.) There has also been much interest in a co-op garden which was planted on July 10. Our special thanks go to all the volunteers who contributed their time and labor to all our summer projects.

On June 4 Casa assumed responsibility for administering the Senior Citizen Roadrunner Bus, which is funded through Midland College. Approximately 20-25 persons use this service daily to get to the grocery store, beauty shop, etc.

As of September 18, Casa will start providing a daily hot lunch to Midland's Senior Citizens. We expect to feed approximately 60 people through the Texas Nutrition Program for the Elderly. The Program has been held up to now at the Guadalupe Catholic Church Parish Hall. Sister Eva Hernandez from Guadalupe has been instrumental in setting up and promoting the program over the last two years. We will be asking for help from the churches who have supported our congregate meal program for the past four years; their assistance will be needed and greatly appreciated in various other functions.

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