



## THE CASA CALLER

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We count the car provided by Avis among our many blessings.

SENIOR CITIZENS A series of once a week luncheons for senior citizens in northeast Midland ended Nov. 26th with turkey dinner at St. Luke's Greater AME Church with Reverend V. T. Herron as host. This program had been funded through a special state grant administered through Midland Family Services. The grant is not renewable. Casa hopes to initiate a volunteer plan to continue providing a hot meal once a week to our senior citizens. We are asking interested church or civic groups to help by serving two covered dish luncheons each year. This means approximately 25 churches will be needed to serve the 25 men and women each week. We have already begun with John's Bar-B-Q serving their specialty on Dec. 5th, Agnes Drive-In on Dec. 12th and St. Mark's Methodist Church on Dec. 19th. Peddler's Wagon donated a variety of desserts. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, St. Nicholas Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church are planning to join the program in 1975. Won't you help too? White elephants are always welcome to be used as bingo prizes at the Senior Citizen Luncheons.

TUTORING A hearty holiday thank you to our faithful tutors, most of them high school students, especially Mike Bozell who played Santa Claus for the Christmas Party given by the tutors for the children in the tutoring classes. **HELP!** Although we have tutors we are completely without supervisors at present. Please call if you could give one hour a week to help in this way at Casa. It makes the job of the tutor much more effective--we promise you will be impressed by the spirit between the tutors and the children. More tutors will also be needed next semester. Tutoring will resume on January 20th.

CRAFT GUILD Ojos, jewelry and tin ornaments are selling during the holiday season. We are grateful to Tumbleweed Artists Association, St. Mark's Methodist and St. Nicholas Episcopal Church for asking us to exhibit with them. Our annual crafts sale at Hillwood proved to be a success. Jim Cox paid for color brochures illustrating the ojos de Dios (eye of God) which are being mailed to northern and eastern markets in the hope of an increase in volume which will give additional income to the ladies in the Craft Guild.

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SEWING CLASSES We are averaging 12 ladies for each sewing session twice a week. The secret of the success of this program has been the fine instructors, Barbara Schatz, Celia Gonzales, Frances Liljestrang, Vivian Ward, Pat Faulkner and Marci Christianson. Again, we can always use dress lengths, notions and patterns.

HELP We need a handy man.

*Happy Holiday!*

## THANK YOU TO:

Churches and individuals who helped several needy families over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Midland Community Theater for tickets for the children for their production of "A Christmas Carol."

Mary Aleman and Sally Felt for the film on cancer presented to Senior Citizens.

June Pierce for one, live, gobbling turkey.

Alberto Montemayor who painted an outdoor sign listing our schedule of activities.

Cathy Harris and her Sunday school class from St. Mark's Methodist for decorating a tree and the Casa de Ninos for Christmas.

Parish workers of Grace Lutheran Church for a Christmas tree.

All our faithful volunteers.

BOYS CLUB Warren Chapman, our Boys Club volunteer, is working with fifteen boys on weekends. This creates a problem in crowding this many boys in one car for weekend outings. Warren has been carrying on by himself for over two years. Please, men--old, young, or in between, please consider a couple of hours every week or two.

ENGLISH CLASSES Jim Shaw, John Baird, Virginia Campbell, Rosita White, and Fay Hickman are doing a great job with the English classes. There has been so much interest, we now have four classes a week, two at night and two daytime. Transportation is provided for those without rides. We need two porta-cribs or collapsible playpens for the babies of the men and women who come to learn English.

RUMMAGE ROOM We appreciate the donation of children's clothing, especially the warm coats and sweaters. The need is still great, so remember Casa children when you are cleaning closets.

## MEMORIALS

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P.A.C.E. Manuel Reyes, director of the P.A.C.E. program reports that during November and December, six scholarships were awarded by the following groups: Chicano Golf Association, UTPB, Park Center YMCA, Texas Tech and the Optimist Club. Six other people were aided in getting G.I. bill financial aid for education.

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