

Message From The President



Casa Nueva Vida

Summer 2014

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for the ongoing good will and support you have given Casa Nueva Vida throughout the years. We at Casa Nueva Vida are glad to be saying that we've been so successful with our expansion that we're continuing to move toward serving even more families.

We emphasize education, job readiness, and work ethics, core family values, and responsibility goes along with the sacrifice to achieve a successful future. Despite the hurdles and life misgivings that our homeless families have endured, many of them now accomplished their dreams and are living admirable family lives. We hope to continue to grow with our clients and help hundreds more see their dreams a reality.

The support from all of you makes possible the programs and services that are so crucial to the successful housing placement and sustainability of the homeless families we serve. We remain steadfast in our mission to help families achieve the education and skills needed to be successful in society.

Manuel Duran
President & CEO



Casa Nueva Vida Lawrence

It's been five years since we've started to serve the homeless community in Lawrence, MA. Since 2009 we've been able to continue to push more families into the path of success. In Lawrence we currently serve 24 families and that's more than we've ever have before. We are proud of this accomplishment and will continue to strive in our mission to provide housing and education to those in need.

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Back To School

Our Kids are back in school and they've never been more excited. Here at Casa Nueva Vida we believe education is a key to ensure a successful future. Our children are our future leaders and every year we send our children off to school with the tools necessary to have a proper education.

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Teen Lab, Congrats!

Here at Casa Nueva Vida we pride ourselves in providing the community with what we believe is one of the most valuable things in life, knowledge. With support and a generous donation from the Comcast Foundation we're able to run a Teen Lab, which teaches teens on the importance of Internet security. We teach from being aware of online predators, viruses, and information theft; to how to handle situations when you or someone else is being cyber bullied. We have seen vast improvement from when we started the program with the teens. The teens know how to react in certain situations and we've seen them handle these situations more maturely. As a community knowledge is the key to strive and continue down the path of success and we see the teens walking down this path. What we see are kids that will grow up soon to become successful adults and we wish them all the luck in the world, wherever their future leads them towards. Congratulations from Casa Nueva Vida.



Our Teen Lab is sponsored by the Comcast Foundation.

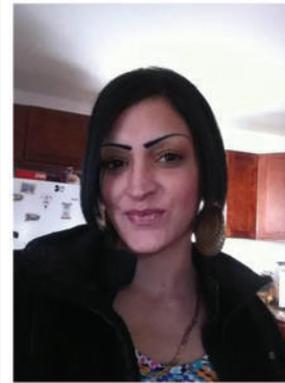
Comcast made it possible to get our

hands in the latest equipment in order to further prepare our teens to be safe and secure when online in the future.

Thanks to the Comcast Foundation we have supplied our teens with the needed knowledge to tackle the world ahead with confidence.

STORIES

Successful Thursday



Ms. Nieves is a 30 yr. old single mother of a 10-year-old daughter. Her family was placed at Casa Nueva Vida Lawrence on 7/29/14. Ms. Nieves at the beginning of her journey here at Casa was a difficult time, not only adjusting to the new environment but also getting back on her feet. Ms. Nieves during her stay at Casa Nueva Vida has dedicated herself a great amount of time in her

search for a permanent home for her family. Ms. Nieves has successfully overtime acquired full time employment with benefits for self and daughter. Ms. Nieves has recently received an offer to a local Transitional Housing Program where she and her daughter will be moving soon. Ms. Nieves and her daughter are extremely happy to be able to have their own place. Ms. Nieves and her family are extremely grateful and saddened at the same time that they will be leaving behind a group of people who encouraged, motivated and helped thru their difficult time; to the point that they have now become like our family.



Boston Health Care for the Homeless

Casa Nueva Vida has been so fortunate to be one of the organizations receiving help providing our residents with high quality health care. Many of our residents don't have access to the level of health care that everyone

deserves to have. Being a family shelter we have many children that deserve to have health care that ensures a healthy life. We would like to thank Boston Health Care for the Homeless for bringing high quality health care straight to the men, women, and children of Casa.



Back to School!

We at Casa believe that education is a key to be successful in life and our children are the future generation, and with education we will be able to help people bring themselves out of poverty and ensure a successful future. We'd like to take a moment to thank Ropes & Grey for donating this year to our children. Our children were excited to be receiving backpacks for school. In every backpack Ropes & Grey includes school supplies from pencils, notebooks, to binders, and organizers.

Every Year Ropes & Grey donates to Casa Nueva Vida's resident children. As you may know many homeless families have a tough time and sometimes are unable to get the necessary tools for their child to get a proper education. We at Casa are glad to be working with a community that is willing to contribute to those in need. There's no reason why a child should be denied a proper education and we'll continue to work with others to fill in the gaps between struggle and success.



Childrens Education

We believe strongly in the importance of education. We try to open the children's eyes at a young age to discover the wonders of learning. If kids at an older age stray away from this idea, we try to guide them back into the path of a better future. We believe children are capable of greatness, no matter what their current situation is. We are open to provide guidance and act as a role model for these children during this vulnerable part of their lives. We strive to give a sense of community and strength at Casa Nueva Vida. We provide a feeling of safety and assure them that they are not alone.

Casa's Children Summer Camp

Since May we've been working with (insert camp name) to provide the children of Casa Nueva Vida with a summer camp they can attend and further their communication skills and education. These camps are a perfect opportunity to further the education of each child and as well improve their communication skills with other children and adults as well while they're out of school. The kids are excited and look forward to having fun while they're learning.

Jet

Jet is a 12 year old bright young boy. Jet came to Casa with his mother and brother on 12/28/13. Jet from the moment he walked into Casa Nueva Vida, Jet demonstrated his kindness, and willingness to help others. During his stay here at Casa Nueva Vida, not only has Jet had to adjust to the new environment but to a whole different state, city and living conditions. Jet has had difficult times in his previous situation which he wishes to put in the past. Jet is extremely focused in school, and has an interest in computer science. During this school year, Jet has demonstrated consistency and responsibility; he was awarded enrollment to a Summer Program sponsored by MIT in the Lawrence Public School system. Jet was donated a tablet by Comcast which has helped complete his assignments and navigate the interesting and constant changing world of computer science.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Here at Casa we would like to acknowledge and thank our volunteer programs and all fellow volunteers for the tremendous support and dedication to help us help the homeless community one family at a time. We are extremely grateful and can't thank all of you enough. Below you can find out about the wonderful programs that continue to help us year after year.

Boston College Pulse

The pulse program allows students from Boston College to come in and have some first hand experience working with the education department here at Casa Nueva Vida. Volunteers will work directly with the children and the director of education to move the educational programs along and help out by educating the homeless community we serve.

We expect students to learn about the adversities that people go through everyday. We want students to walk away from our agency with a new appreciation of life and help them realize how fortunate they are to be receiving an education and living a healthy lifestyle.

The students have a wide variety of options at our agency. They can tutor the kids and help them with their homework, assist in our computer classes (given to parents and teens), or assist in ESL classes. The students are free to pick and choose which ever task they are willing to tackle each day. They do not have to commit to one task for the whole year. They can try them all to see which one they would prefer.

Students are expected to develop a sense of leadership, patience, creativity, and commitment. These are all qualities that are needed to deal with people that are in a tough situation like those at our agency. The students will be able to develop these qualities quickly and further improve throughout the year.

The pulse program is wonderful opportunity to help and serve the homeless community in Boston you will have first hand experience with the people that are affected and help them forward in their education and their life.

Horizons for Homeless Children

Horizons for Homeless Children has been working with Casa for over ten years. They have made a substantial impact in our shelter. This organization provides two volunteers that come on a weekly basis to help tutor and play with the children. They also provide volunteers that come at least once a month to clean the Playroom and disinfect all the toys. Mostly all the toys and materials that we have in the Playroom has been donated by Horizons. They are a major factor in sustaining our Educational Program.

Birthday Wishes

The Birthday Wishes Organization has worked with Casa Nueva Vida for a few years. Volunteers come to Casa once a month and help us celebrate the children's birthdays. They provide cake, drinks, decorations, games, activities, goody bags, and presents for the birthday child/children. The parents are very appreciative of the Birthday Wishes Organization because many of them don't have the means to throw their own party or even provide gifts for their child

Boston Health Care for the Homeless

Boston Health Care for the Homeless is another organization we would love to thank for providing health care and basic medical needs to our homeless residents

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