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**Omega School Inc.
Program Overview
Community Services Commission, City of Madison**

5 year review of Omega School's GED Preparation/Basic Skills Program results

Year	Participants	GOAL	1-4 GED tests	GOAL	GED/HSED	GOAL
2010	252	250	110	87	86	88
2009	260	250	109	87	89	88
2008	257	250	128	87	94	88
2007	233	250	123	87	85	88
2006	292	250	133	87	83	88

Omega School 's City of Madison Collaborations/Partnerships:

Agencies:	MATC, Literacy Network, Centro Hispano, Goodman Center
Program Overview:	Program targets Spanish speaking adults interested in developing the academic and pre-training skills to enroll in MATC Food Service certificate and diploma programs.
Agency:	Latino Workforce Development (LWD)
Program Overview:	Omega School provides Spanish GED classes on Saturday mornings for Latino Workforce Development participants. Latino Workforce Development provides on-site introductory computer instruction.
Agencies:	Literacy Network, Centro Hispano, Luke House, Centro Guadalupe, South Madison Library and Omega School
Program Overview:	Agencies staff meet quarterly to provide networking activities, information sharing and resource development.
Organization:	Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM)-Madison
Program Overview:	SHRM provides quarterly "Mock Job Interviews" using local human resource personnel providing practice job interviews for Omega School students with possible leads to employment.
Organization:	University of Wisconsin Morgridge Center's Badger Volunteers
Program Overview:	Weekly group of UW-Madison students who volunteer to do "group tutoring" at Omega School on Wednesday and Thursday nights.
Organization:	UW-Madison, Adult and Student Services Center
Program Overview:	Monthly sessions at Omega School to assist students with career planning and post-secondary transition.
Awards: Recognition	Oscar Mireles selected as 2011 'Literacy Advocate of the Year' by Wisconsin Literacy and 2011 Waterbearer's Award by Club TNT.
Challenges/ Opportunities:	The new GED 2014 Test Version will be a computer based exam instead of paper and pencil. In addition, current GED test takers from 2002-2011 must complete GED testing by December, 2013 or their GED test scores will expire. Last time when GED 2002 Test Version was introduced with a 12/31/2001 deadline to complete, Omega School had over 250 GED graduates in one year, (a 150% increase). We anticipate a similar challenge of 1) tracking down students to finish GED testing and a new challenge of 2) revamping our curriculum to include computer based instruction and testing.



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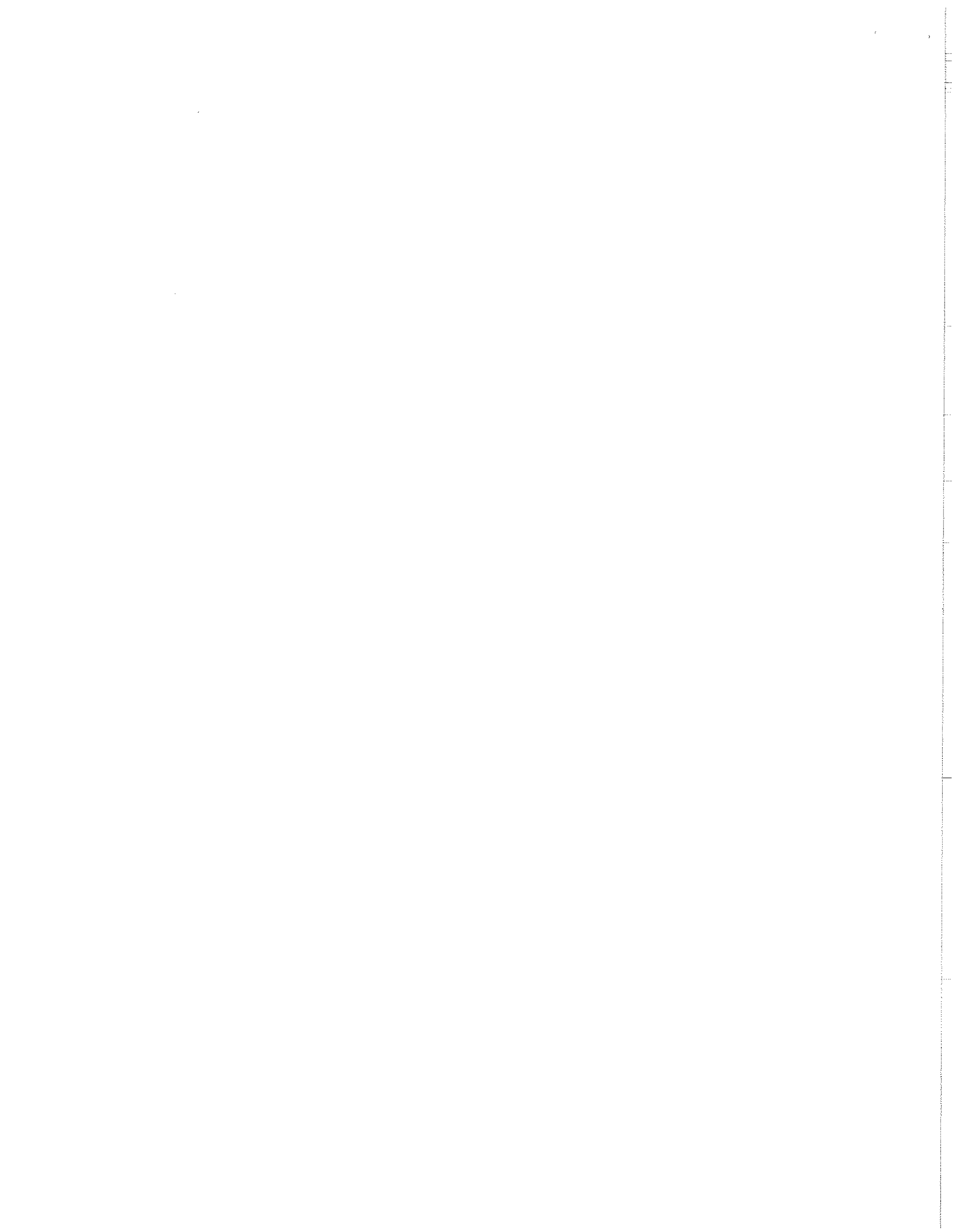


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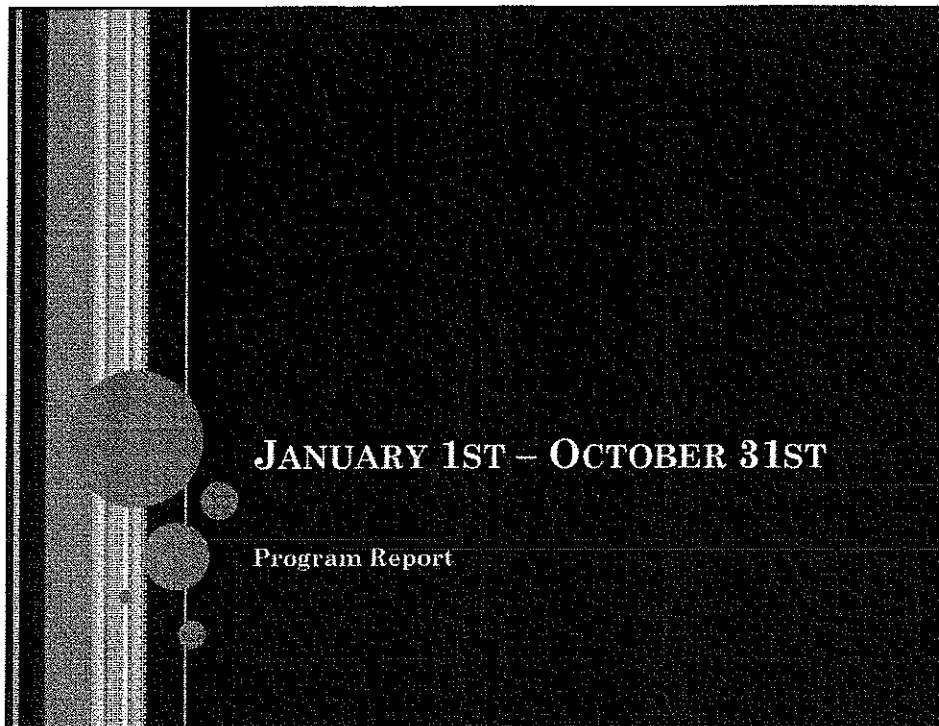
- Madison Community Foundation Grant
- Madison Technical Area College partnership
- Madison School District partnership
- Partnership with Uniek Incorporated
- Restaurant Onsite training
- Collaborations:
 - o Centro Hispano of Dane County
 - o Literacy Network
 - o Omega
 - o WWIBIC
 - o Latino Chamber of Commerce of Dane County
- United Way
- Capital Region Sustainable Communities
- Business Incubator





LATINO ACADEMY OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

- o Job Skill Trainings
- o Computer Classes
- o Business Development
- o Employment



JOB SKILL TRAININGS

o Forklift Licensing

- Partner: CAC
- Total number of trainings: 3
- Total number of participants: 39
- Total number of licensed participants: 27

o Skid-Steer Loader

- Partner: Alonso Landscaping Service, LLC
- Total number of training: 1
- Total number of participants: 8
- Total number of licensed participants: 3

○ **ServSafe Food Safety Manager Certification**

- Partner: National Restaurant Association
- Number of Trainings: 4
- Number of Participants: 68 (*15 out of these decided to wait to take exam for a later date*)
- Number of Participants Certified: 35

○ **ServSafe Food Handler Program**

- Partner: National Restaurant Association
- Number of Trainings: 2
- Number of Participants: 20
- Number of Participants Certified: 17

○ **Residential Fall Protection**

- Partners: OSHA & The Latino Chamber of Commerce
- Total Number of Trainings: 1
- Total Number of Participants: 20

○ **OSHA 10 TRAINING**

- Partners: "Voces de la Frontera"
- Total Number of Trainings: 1
- Total Number of Participants: 3

COMPUTER CLASSES

o Courses

- Basic Computer Class
- Intermediate Computer Class
- Microsoft Word Computer Class
- Microsoft Excel Computer Class
- Website Computer Class
- Photoshop Computer Class

- Number of Weeks: Two sessions completed, One still in progress (*Each session is 10 weeks long*)
- Number of Participants: 481

o Basic Computer Classes at Centro Hispano

- Partner: Centro Hispano
- Number of Participants: 8
- Number of Weeks: 8

o **Basic Computer Classes at Memorial High School**

- Partner: MSCR
- Number of Participants: 12
- Number of Weeks: 8

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

o **Latino Women and Finances**

- Partners: Latino Chamber of Commerce
- Number of Participants: 37

o **Business Plan Seminar**

- Partners: Latino Chamber of Commerce & WWBIC
- Number of Participants: 24

o **Business Law Seminar**

- Partners: Latino Chamber of Commerce & WWBIC
- Number of Participants: 16

o **Quickbooks Seminar**

- Partners: Latino Chamber of Commerce & WWBIC
- Number of Participants: 12

○ **Business Incubator:**

- In order to continue helping small businesses in the city of Madison, the Latino Academy has opened its doors to any small business which might be looking for a place to conduct client meetings.
- The first participant to the Latino Academy's business incubator is Lino (owner of El Pastor Mexican Restaurant) Lino meets every Monday from 6 - 7 with a group of business entrepreneurs.

○ **Social Media for Business**

- Number of Participants: 17

○ **Facebook for Business**

- Number of Participants: 16

EMPLOYMENT

o ESL Classes for the Work Place

- Partners: Literacy Network
- Number of Participants Registered: 25

o Spanish GED

- Partner: OMEGA
- Number of Participants: 8
- Number of Weeks: 8

o Resume Building and Employment Assistance

- Thursdays and Fridays 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 1ST – DECEMBER 31ST TRAININGS

o ServSafe Food Manager Certification: October 29 – November 12

o Forklift Training and Licensing: November 18 and December 9

GENERAL UPDATES

o **New Additions to Our Staff:**

- Kristy Nieto, Program Coordinator
- Jose Reyes, Administrator Assistant
- Laura Ranalleta, UW Intern
- Francisco Aguilar, Computer Classes Instructor
- Manuel Diaz, Computer Classes Instructor
- Matias Hernandez, ServSafe Instructor

o **Madison Community Foundation Grant**

- Awarded 54,000 for 2012 & 2013

PARTNERSHIPS

- o WWBIC = *Business Seminars*
- o OSHA = *Construction Seminars*
- o Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin
- o Latino Education Council
- o Restaurant National Association = *ServSafe Certification*
- o Centro Hispano = *Basic Computer Classes*
- o Madison School District = *Basic Computer Classes & Spanish Substitute Teachers*
- o Wisconsin Lift Truck = *Train the Trainer Program*
- o Uniek Incorporated = *Forklift Training*
- o OMEGA = *GED Classes*
- o MATC = *Preparedness Program*

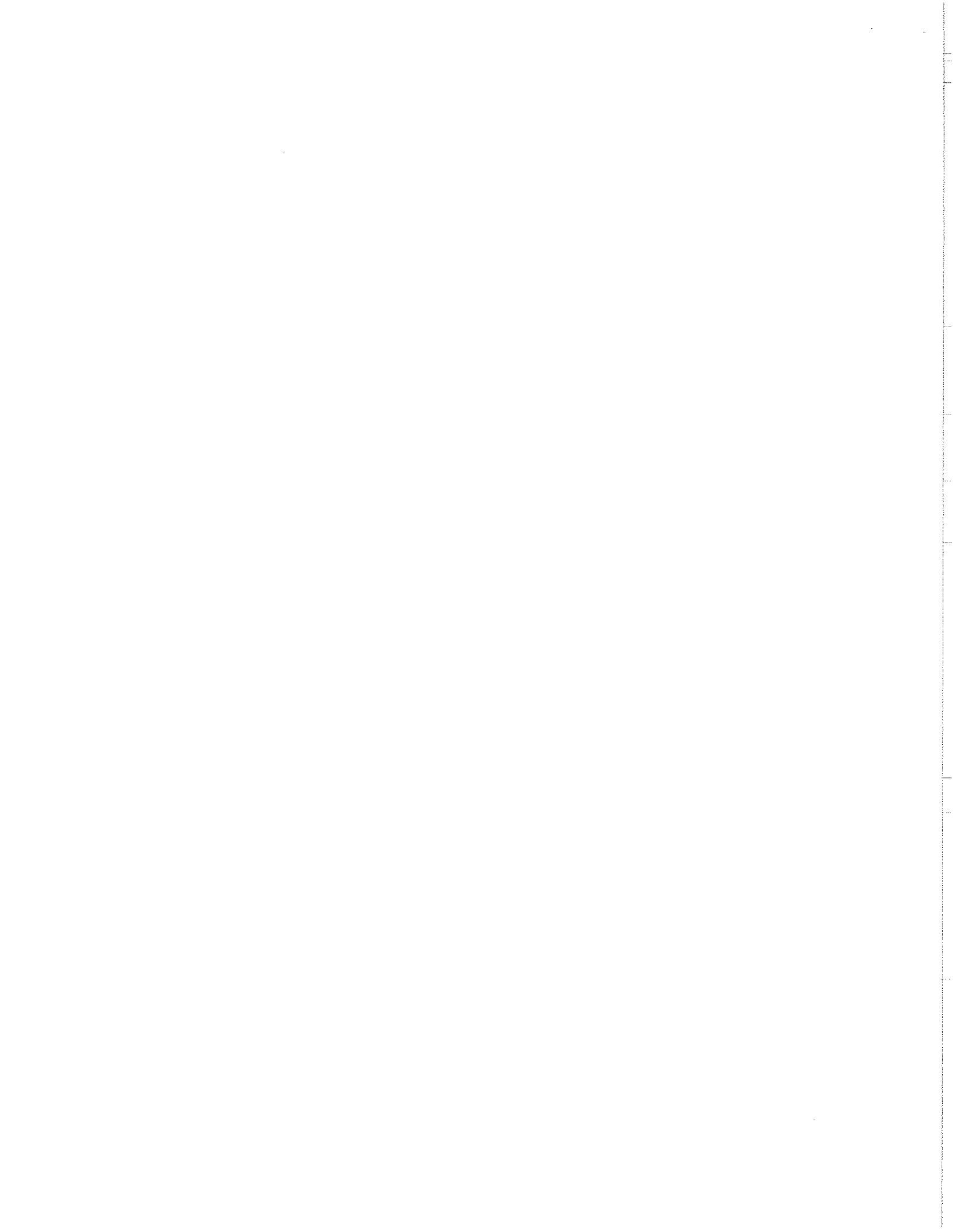
OCTOBER 2011 COURSE CALENDAR




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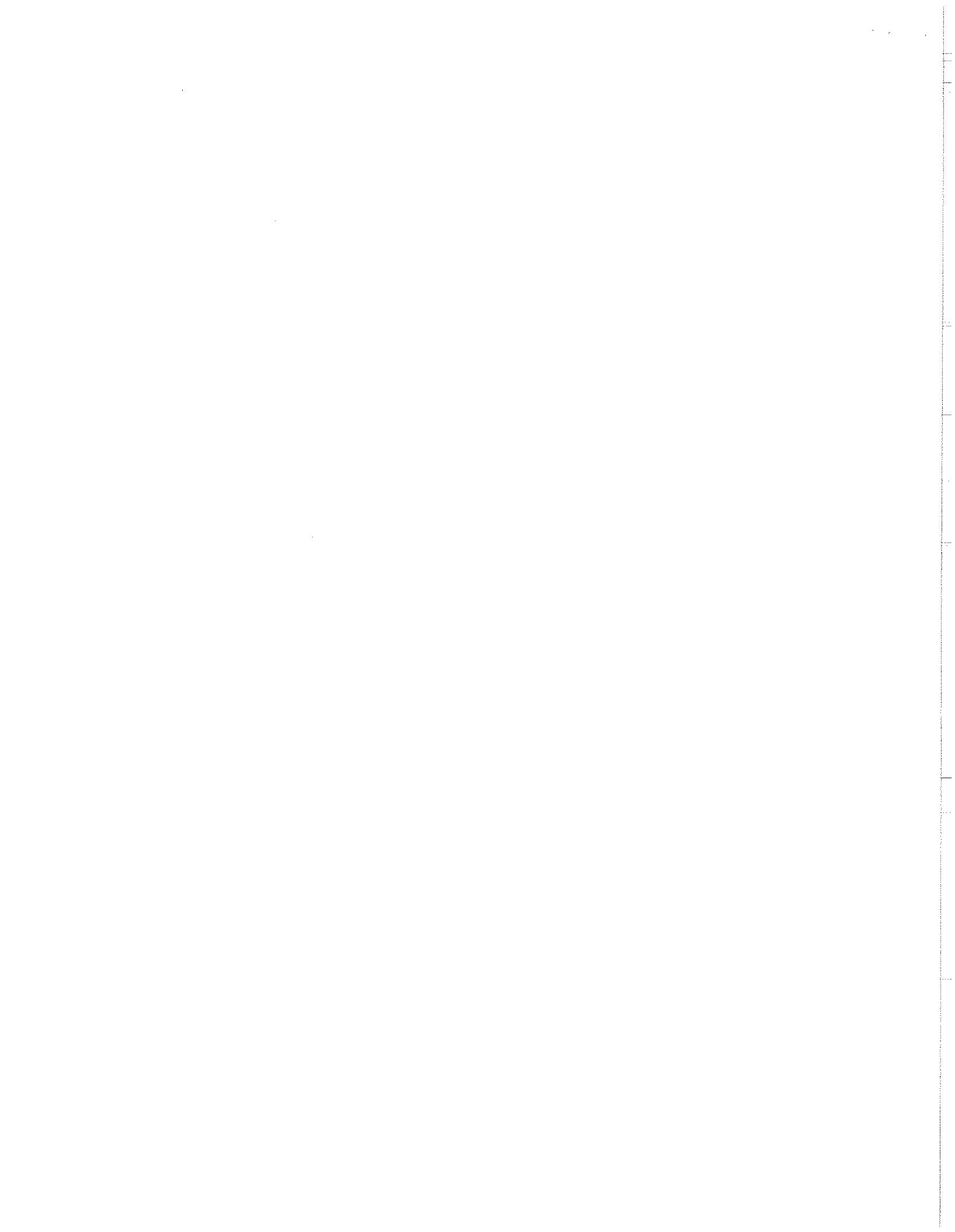
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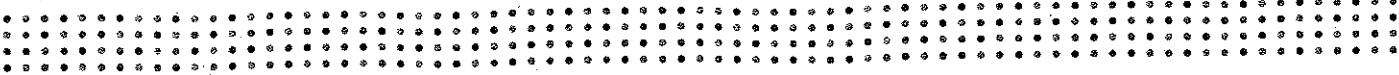
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2	3 *English for Work <i>Vera</i> (9a-10:30a)	4	5 *Quickbooks <i>WWB/C</i> (6:8:30p)	6 *English for Work <i>Vera</i> (7-8:30p)	7 MS Word (4-6p) Intermed. Computer (6:30-8:30p)	8 ServSafe Certification (8a-12p) Web Site Design (9-11a) *English Tutoring <i>Vera</i> (9-11a) MS Excel (12-2p) Basic Computer (3-5p) *Intrmd. Computer <i>Vera</i> (3-5p) Adobe Photoshop (6-8p)
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NOVEMBER 2011 COURSE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Rachel Krinsky

About me: "I have served The Road Home as executive director for the past eleven years. During those years we have grown from a small start-up providing emergency family shelter through collaboration with local congregations into a multi-program organization that helps families move from homelessness to stable housing." [Editor's note: Krinsky was recently hired to lead YWCA Madison.]

What I'm most proud of: "This year marks the completion of The Road Home's \$4.5 million Housing & Hope campaign. The Housing & Hope apartments provide affordable rent and on-site case management services to families through a unique model developed by The Road Home. Fifteen Housing & Hope apartments opened on Madison's north side in 2009 and the completion of the campaign enables us to develop another fifteen units. Fifteen formerly homeless families, including forty-two children, live at Housing & Hope. These kids are able to walk to their neighborhood school, bring a friend home to play, and wake up each morning knowing where they will sleep at night. Their parents are working, studying, learning financial management and other skills, and regaining their pride as parents and community members. We will be thrilled to offer these simple, everyday experiences to fifteen more families."



Skills Builder

BALTAZAR DE ANDA-SANTANA

"2011 has been a great year to serve the Madison community. Through my work at Vera Court Neighborhood Center, I had the opportunity to co-found an exciting new program called the Latino Academy of Workforce Development.

At LAWD, we have spent the past year providing culturally sensitive employment services and industry-specific job skills training in Spanish. We have served over 1,000 Latino students with our job skill trainings, computer classes, business development and employment programs. Our computer classes, which have been LAWD's most popular offering by far, have expanded to include six levels, from basic skills all the way to Web design, and we employ a staff of five professional computer instructors.

Our students are hard-working adults; they raise families and work full-time, yet they are so dedicated to improving their lives that they arrive to class every week ready to trade their time and experience for knowledge and support ... Students who graduate from our computer classes return to teach our computer classes ... Without the volunteerism of our students, LAWD quite frankly would not exist. I am very proud just to be included as a member of this community.

The two things that make me most hopeful in life are community and education, which are also the values that guide everything that is done at Vera Court Neighborhood Center. I always joke that if one day you cannot find me at Vera, it will be because I have returned to Mexico to establish a community center similar to Vera Court."

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