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VISION STATEMENT

We seek to offer Latino families hope for a positive future, and to build bridges between the Latino community and the greater community as we facilitate relationships that bring new understandings and benefits to all involved.

Incorporated in 2006,

El Buen Pastor

Latino Community Services

is a 501(c)(3) organization

and a member of the

N.C. Center for Nonprofits.

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strengthening families ... fortaleciendo familias

The Mission of El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services is to strengthen Latino families in the Old Town area and help them adapt to their new lives in Winston-Salem.

MARCH 2014

HERE IS WHAT WE SEEK: A COMPASSION THAT CAN STAND IN AWE AT WHAT THE POOR HAVE TO CARRY RATHER THAN STAND IN JUDGMENT AT HOW THEY CARRY IT. —Gregory Boyle, *Tattoos on the Heart*

I love snow days! I enjoy the break from routine...the enforced confinement so I can tackle the tasks that never seem to rise to the top of the to-do list: purge closets, clean cabinets, pack up discards for Goodwill, pull out the Crock Pot for chili, write letters (with stationery and pen!), read in front of the fire.

The scene was different when my four children were young. The joy of simple tasks with classical music playing in the background gave way to scattered board games and the blaring television, the scramble to unearth the sleds and locate boots and snow pants, and the repetitive in-and-out of the house as children searched for carrot noses for snowmen and dry socks, while puddles and soggy mittens piled up around the door, and the dryer hummed constantly in the laundry room.

This winter, however, during the third snow confinement within two weeks, my enjoyment was tempered by concern for the families of El Buen Pastor. While families in my neighborhood were experiencing scenarios like those from my past, how was it going for those living in small apartments and trailers? Were their cabinets stocked with ingredients for soup and chocolate chip cookies? Did they have stacks of new books to read? Board games? Snowboots? Clothes dryers?

I thought about the folks who were missing one more shift of work and would have to make difficult choices in spending their shrunken paychecks. Which expenditures will they decide to delay—groceries, power bill, rent, or gasoline? What about that visit to the dentist—will it have to be postponed again?

This newsletter serves as the annual report for our fledgling nonprofit organization. Inside is a list of those who made our work possible in 2013 by supporting us financially. Each donation is an act of compassion—a deliberate choice to stand with the poor and to identify with those who live in the margins of our community. My heart overflows with gratitude for each one who made the choice to give.

—Mary Bolton, *Executive Director*

COME RUN WITH US!
EL BUEN CAMINO
APRIL 5, 2014 9:00 AM
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
REYNOLDA CAMPUS



The second annual El Buen Camino 5K race and one-mile walk will take place on Saturday, April 5th at 9am on Wake Forest University's Reynolda campus. All runners, walkers, and

health enthusiasts are invited to join us to raise awareness about healthy lifestyle choices. Register online through Active.com, or find the link on our website, www.elbuenpastorLCS.org.

be accompanied by one or two children between the ages of 8 and 12 for \$5 per child. There will be a children's play area for younger kids who want to come and cheer for their families. Thanks to our partnership with Wake Forest Baptist Health, all proceeds will support the work of El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services and El Buen Pastor Presbyterian Church.

El buen camino, literally "the good walk," also means "the good path" or "the good way". It's not only a fitting name for this event, but a great summary of our mission—walking alongside Latino families as they discover a good path for their lives. Will you accompany us on the journey?

The one-mile walk component is new this year. The registration fee is \$20 for adult walkers, each of whom may