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## MUCHAS GRACIAS



Mornings used to be peaceful at El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services. The part-time staff didn't report to work until 2:00 to prepare for tutoring programs, and when the kids began to arrive at 2:30, it was "all hands on deck" until they left at 6:00. Parenting classes and adult meetings went on into the evening, but the mornings were serene...until last fall. Since September the AVANCE mother and baby program has overtaken the building from 9:00 to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a delightful flurry of activity. Babies and toddlers are engaged in a variety of pre-literacy activities in the child development center, preschoolers learn colors, shapes, and songs in their bright classroom, and the building is

suffused in the aroma of the hot lunch being cooked for the children. Their mothers share laughter and experiences while learning how to prepare their children for school success. And on Monday mornings instructors from Connect Your Community teach basic computer skills and internet use to a dozen adults in our computer lab that was furnished by the nonprofit WinstonNet.

Collaborative efforts such as these are the way of the future for nonprofits, and LCS is always open to new partnerships that leverage our limited resources and staff. AVANCE's one-time grant of \$50,000 is part of our 2011 income story, and the accompanying list of donors tells another part. Since 2006 our partnership with Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP) has been integral to our existence. In 2011, with the help of a HIP capacity-building grant, LCS enacted a new development plan which resulted in a 72% increase in gifts from individuals over 2010! Yet another piece of the story is the increase in program income, which includes \$8,500 raised or contributed by the families who participate in LCS activities. *Muchas gracias* to all the individuals and organizations whose generosity allows our work to continue!

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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.

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Life at El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services (LCS) and El Buen Pastor Church is a richly-woven tapestry of varying colors and textures. The warp is a legacy of twentieth-century Winston-Salem—an oil-heated brick building erected in 1964 as part of the suburban

church-planting spree by downtown's First Presbyterian, a devoted corps of weekly volunteers from the western half of the county, donated supplies and hand-me-down furnishings, and a city famous for its philanthropy. The weft is twenty-first century global—immigrant families from Mexico and Central America, alliances with a variety of funders and other nonprofits, along with staff, collaborators and volunteers from WFU, Salem College, UNC-G, WSSU, and FTCC.

A piece of quirky folk-art, our tapestry is both decorative and practical...and continually evolving. This January we said thank you to four members of the Board of Directors of LCS who are rotating out of active board service—Egla García, Laura Chávez Weston, Michael Wells, Jr., and Dan Wilkers. As a founding Board member in 2006, Dan has served faithfully for six years as vice chair of the board and chair of the internal affairs committee. Egla and Laura provided a valuable connection between the board and the El Buen Pastor families by volunteering with our women's leadership team, and Michael shared his legal mind with us. We appreciate the time, wisdom, and energy they each donated to our board, and are grateful that they will continue to volunteer with our families.

We are pleased to welcome two new members to our board for 2012. Adolfo Briceño, who was born in Mexico, is a Human Relations Specialist employed with the City of Winston-Salem. Norma-May Isakov, Associate Director of Wake Forest University's Institute for Public Engagement, grew up in South Africa. As we look forward to the richness of experience and insight these two bring to our community, we value every thread that has been and will be woven into our tapestry!

Rosa Miranda, *Board Chair*

Mary Bolton, *Executive Director*

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  
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