



# LA CASA DE AMISTAD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER

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Dear Community,

Happy summer from La Casa de Amistad! It is with great joy that I share with you our 2013 Annual Report. As I continue to celebrate my “firsts” with the organization, the annual report is a proud moment of reflection on past successes and a quick refocus on the challenges and needs in our community. I want to thank you for your support of La Casa de Amistad.

La Casa’s Annual Report highlights our recently completed fiscal audit and compiled data from our programs. Here are some highlights from the report; in 2013, we had 581 clients enrolled in educational program, which is an 18% increase from 2012. Our food pantry continued to be busy and assisted 461 families; reaching a total of 1,345 individuals and giving out over 17,000 meals! We continued to increase our connections with agencies and had over 2,792 calls or walk-in clients that were assisted or referred throughout the community this year. If you are interested in viewing the full report, please visit that page on our site for a link to download a copy.

Our staff worked hard on the curriculum for our “I Change Myself, I Change the World” summer program and both programs of our summer youth programs were once again full. Yo Pudeo Leer and Crece Conmigo, for this upcoming fall are on track to fill and Adelante was just approved for a new LULAC Ford Driving Dreams grant and we are excited to grow that program. Historically, each fall, our youth programs check in full and with a waitlist. Our Citizenship Program has helped over 200 people become naturalized citizens and is currently running a waitlist as well and sign ups for ENL and Computer Classes are always busy. As you can see, we are track to make 2014 another banner year for La Casa de Amistad and it wouldn’t be possible without your support.

Your support has helped us to continue to grow and increase our reach to the community. You have impacted the community through La Casa de Amistad and your support is very much appreciated. Continue to help us help others by giving of your time and talents. Please contact us about how you can help make an impact in our community.

Thank you again for your support, have a great summer and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Sam Centellas  
Executive Director

#### OUR MISSION

To empower the Latino/Hispanic community within Michiana by providing educational, cultural and advocacy services in a welcoming, bilingual environment.