



LA CASA DE AMISTAD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER

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VOLUNTEER MANUAL

A QUICK STORY ON HOW LA CASA WAS STARTED....

La Casa de Amistad is a charitable organization that functions as a community center on the west side of South Bend. It was founded by Fr. John Phalen in October 1973 as a youth outreach program in response to the many needs of Hispanic teenagers. La Casa offered various programs in an effort to train Hispanic youths in leadership skills, with the hopes to increase their knowledge and appreciation of their own culture, and to help them develop a strong self-esteem.

In 1975, the organization began the status of a not for profit corporation and proposals were submitted to acquire additional funding for full-time staff.

Since 1980, 746 Meade Street has been our home and continues to offer opportunities for Hispanic and other youth, in order to help them succeed in society and maintain a strong cultural pride. La Casa is always expanding its services to include the current trends in educational and informational needs, to better serve its clients and to help them prepare for the workforce in our community.

OUR MISSION AND GOALS AT LA CASA

Through its programs, services, and activities, La Casa de Amistad assists in strengthening the Michiana community by acting as a catalyst within the Latino community, with a particular emphasis on youth and family issues. We are a place of friendship, welcoming all individuals.

La Casa strives to empower individuals through programs and activities that promote cultural appreciation and identity, moral values, education, healthy living, and leadership development.

Our objectives are focused on the goal to unify the Latino society, thus helping to enrich and strengthen the community as a whole. We achieve these objectives through collaboration with other agencies and the generous long-standing support of our local community base as a whole.

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

As a dependable and trustworthy volunteer of La Casa de Amistad, I will adhere to the following expectations:

- To uphold the mission and goals of La Casa de Amistad;
- To be honest with all staff, students, and anyone associated with La Casa de Amistad;
- To be respectful of the children and/or people who receive services from La Casa de Amistad, because more than likely, they come from a different social, economic, and cultural background;
- To be hardworking;
- To be accept supervision and criticism;
- To take part in periodic reflection sessions;
- To be open to give your opinion or expertise where it's needed;
- To be on time and contact the Volunteer Coordinator if any changes arise in my schedule.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Liability Waiver

There are a number of activities and programs scheduled at La Casa de Amistad. Signing this form waives La Casa de Amistad and its staff of any liability if an accident should occur at La Casa de Amistad or while on a field trip run by La Casa de Amistad.

Signature: _____

Date: _____