



Amigos en Cristo

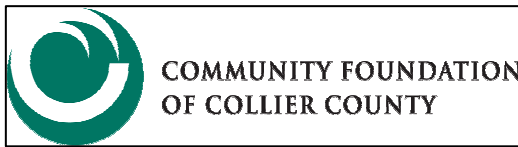
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Collier County Training

Three volunteer members of Amigos Center staff recently completed a twelve hour training course where we learned how to clearly tell our story to potential funding sources. The training was sponsored by the Leadership Center of the Community Foundation of Collier County. Amigos Center was one of five non-profit agencies selected to



receive the "Outcome Evaluation" training in addition to a \$25,000 grant. Denny Brown (volunteer grant writer and Amigos Advisory Board member), Kathy Donlan (volunteer Director of Amigos Language Programs) and Rev. Robert Selle (Executive Director) learned how to develop logic models that explain what our programs do and how much they cost.

United Way of Lee County

Amigos Center is one of 65 Lee County partner agencies of The United Way of Lee County. Our local United Way has officially started the 2005-2006 Campaign and looks forward to another successful year in the community. The theme for this year's campaign is very true to our community: "Be a Hero for Our Community". The theme reflects on the everyday heroes in Lee County that are willing to help in every possible way. By giving to the United Way you are not only helping our agency but a total of 65 Partner Agencies that receive funds from the campaign. You can be an Everyday Hero just by giving to the United Way of Lee County. Please call 433-2000 for more information, visit



www.unitedwaylee.org or send your donation to 7275 Concourse Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Sarah Says:

(A word from our DCE, Sarah Paganes)

It is exciting to be a part of a Spirit filled ministry that is putting its faith in action. I am truly blessed to be a part of this ministry and cannot express my gratitude for all the support I have been given and for all the support that has been given to the Amigos en Cristo. It is refreshing to see God's people acting as his instruments to give love and aid to a hurting world and recognizing the mission field that has come to us through our neighbors of different cultures!

We held a cross-cultural workshop the end of September and had brothers and sisters from across Florida join together in the discussion of how to be a witness to our multi-cultural communities. We had a clothing distribution in the Kingston camp and a health fair at Hope in Bonita in October. There will be another health fair at Messiah Lutheran for Collier County the first Saturday in November. We have also started our TEE training class (Theological Education by Extension) with 5 of our congregational members; it is exciting to see God raising up leaders in the Hispanic community!

The next few weeks will be exciting since we have the Mobile Mexican Consulate coming out on the 22nd of October to Hope Lutheran for a big day of service to the Mexican community. We also have the Fall Harvest Festival on the 28th of October as well as continuing with our language classes and Theology classes. Thanks for all your prayers and support and I pray God will bless you in your individual ministries of living your faith daily.

Give thanks to God for . . .

- Our partnership with other organizations like Community Foundation of Collier County and the United Way of Lee County.

Pray for . . .

- Leaders in training.