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LASOS is non profit that provide non native English speaking residents of Harford county access to the re-sources needed during the integration period.

Our mission is to provide translation and adult and family literacy services, youth mentoring and a network of service providers.

What does it mean to be an AMERICAN?

Can you name who said "Give me liberty or give me death? What about the 'why there are 100 senators in the Senate?'

For so many of us we just know it is our right, but what does it take to become a United States Citizen?



Well we have members of LASOS studying to find out the answers to these questions as well as the other 98 essential questions in United Sated History, in order to become United States Citizens.

Our newest program that has been launched in 2011 is the CIVICS program at LASOS. We have begun to offer one on one sessions to individuals who qualify to become citizens, in order to prepare them for their interview and multiple assessments they must pass in order to gain citizenship.

What a wonderful opportunity to be able to help individuals to make that type of devotion to our wonderful country.

The members have to be able to pass a writing, reading, and speaking portion of the test. Our tutors meet with the students and teach them the English needed to pass the assessments, as well as school them in the history of the United States.

It will take hours of preparation and dedication to get there but what a privilege to be able to say that they have made it to that level of dedication and in my mind devotion to this great land.

What does it mean for our members? They can be active in politics and they can better provide for their families.

Many thanks to the tutors for meeting with the members and for finding ways to make the information come alive.

If you are interested in helping with this program please let us know .



A Celebration of Cultures a success!

The second annual Celebration of Cultures was held on April 9, 2011 at the Bel Air Armory. The performers were of top quality. Special thanks to Forest Lakes Elementary Band, CMW Mariachi and Bollywood Dancers, Chung's Martial Arts, Valerie Zumba, Ryan Kilcoyne's Irish Dancers, Lenny on steel drums and Amartia 's Greek Belly Dancing. The room was also filled with vendors; His

Song Creations by Marge and Jack Phillips, Sabrina Chong, Dave Gigliotti, Paula Farrell, and Sassy tails, Information booths were held by Your Body and Soul, South Asia Organization, Health link and 4H Small Paws.

The event was attended by more than 700 residents and the temperament of the day was filled with life.

Interesting comments from several people were, " I didn't think Harford County would embrace something like this." and proudly I could reply, " We are a county filled with diversity and it is our pleasure to be able to offer a venue that allows us to recognize, and celebrate what makes us so unique." Thank you to everyone who came and made this day a success.

Join us May 14th for the 1st Annual 5 k Running of the Bulls



Register at Eliteracemanagement.com



Featured Member Norma Padilla

Norma comes from a small town in El Salvador with a very poor educational background. She came to Harford County about 8 years ago. She and her husband have worked hard to make a life for their family here. Understanding the importance of education Norma brings her children to LASOS for extra support with homework. But it isn't enough that her children receive support she is determined to stay one step ahead of her daughter in school. Although Norma already had an email and even a Facebook account, she wanted to

know more about the internet and it's tools, so she attends LASOS computer classes early Saturday mornings, and in an effort to improve her English she attends the ESOL classes as well.

Norma is looking to buy her first house in the fall. And with her new skills learned at LASOS she can access the resources she needs.

An attribute that sets Norma out from the rest is her willingness to help others in need. She helps out in the classroom, in the community and at LASOS.

LASOS can count on Norma to be there when we are short handed at events, or in the office. She helps new members when they come in, if the office support is busy, and she makes phone calls to remind people of LASOS events and services.

Norma Padilla is a walking advocate of LASOS and her personal development and growth is one that stands out. She is an example of what a little support can do.



Summer Camp "Our Community"

The break of the weather leads us into Spring and jumpstarts the LASOS team into summer camp planning. The theme is the same "our Community" but what is to be achieved is much different. *Grades k-2 will continue to learn about their role and community helpers. *Grades 3-5 will learn of other agencies that serve post office, hospital, etc *Grade 6-8 will learn about stewardship and how they can play an active role in the community Each level will be active participants in steward projects throughout the camp. The camp

will work on academic vocabulary, reading, science and math skills as well as leadership and character building. In addition to the reading, math components of the morning small groups that will include the academic vocabulary students need to be successful during the school year, the children will have the opportunity to participate in Science lab every day. The children during the afternoon sessions will be able to choose the sports center, the arts center, the science lab, or the drama

center. In the Science Lab they will learn academic vocabulary related to science as well as the different scientific concepts of physical, life, applied and chemical. We are working on a partnership with the Army research Lab for scientist/engineers to come to camp once a week!

Like with all we do at LASOS we are looking forward to a wonderful summer camp!

We need your help! Become a "Friend" of LASOS

New "Friends" of LASOS



Did you know that the services we offer truly change the lives of underserved individuals? Are you aware that we build leadership, social and civic skills? Did you realize that we provide opportunities to people that otherwise would go unnoticed?

We need your help in order to continue to provide all the services needed by our members.

We encourage you to select the program that will benefit from your generous donation.

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At LASOS you are family and we count on your support whether it be monetary, time, resources or prayers.

We know that without you we would not be able to fulfill our vision. But with you, we can reach even further.

Make checks payable to LASOS and we will send you a receipt.

Summer camp wish list:

- Crayons
- Scissors
- Balls (soccer, football)
- Bubbles
- Crafts
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Sidewalk chalk
- Dress up clothes
- Sewing supplies

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