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Special points of interest:

- **May 5th 11-4**
 A Celebration of Cultures
 Bel Air Armory
 Great time and
 great entertainment!
 Free for all!
- **May 5th 6-11**
 Latin Dance
 \$20 a ticket!

Big surprises in small packages!

Who doesn't love DISNEY? Recently we held a budgeting night for the youth mentoring children. The night consisted of teaching them about how money is earned and how to spend wisely.

Because of LASOS partnership with the Disney Store at White Marsh, we had received boxes of new toys for our children to be used for such an event.

In an attempt to make the giving a learning experience, a LASOS store was created, each child earned 10 LASOS dollars and had to decide how they were going to spend, share or save.

Hard decisions were made, would they pick the Minnie lunch box, the Buzz Light Year figurine or the set of pencils and pens from Phineas and Ferb? But for

Melissa, it was the princess castle, "it is a home for the princesses she said, I always wanted to have a doll house." As she dragged it under her arm. It was a delight to see how many of them made good choices, and how many "bought" something for a friend or relative". And surprisingly enough some of them saved some for next time!!

We have been blessed by wonderful partnerships since we opened our doors! And there is nothing more rewarding with a hand out to be able to turn it into a hand up!

So now the challenge? How do we top Disney? Luckily we continue to receive boxes from the store but if you are out and about and see something you think the kids would love pick it up and bring it in! You nev-



er know, it could be the one thing they always wanted. and could never have.

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Citizenship classes are at an all time high!

Our citizenship classes have really taken off. Currently we have 3 classes running that help legal permanent residents learn the ins and outs of US history and government. Flash card everywhere, room is redecorated and people are

all smiles. Koffe one of the gentleman in the Monday night class has just received his letter to take the test! He said, "I am ready, you have prepared me well!" Fingers crossed!

We are so proud of all of them for their hard work and studying and for the desire to become one of our Newest Americans!

We can always use some help quizzing the students so if you have a free night give us a ring!

“Foundations” Program has found merit!

As we look back at the fall and the initiation to the Foundations program in Edgewood, we all had some hesitation. Would it work, would they come, would the parents buy in?

The answer to all has been yes! Due to the relationship with Edgewood high school, and Edgewood middle school our students are finding success. We have families of children who come and parents who come to see how they can further help their children at home!

Two of the EHS seniors have been accepted to college. Something that was not accessible before our program.

The students have also begun to mentor each other and find ways to help each other be successful. (Even remind some that they need to attend!)

There is no data to collect when you have children finding ways to get there even in the rain, and after missing a bus.

Last week the children began the planning for what the program should entail next year. What other aspects they would like to see.

As well as some possible extension activities during summer camp. I see a college trip in the works and some museums in the horizon.

The program has also allowed us to fill a need in the community. “LASOS needs to be out here too.” one mom said. “One day” I said. But in the meantime we are only a call away!

ABC’s and 123’s that’s what class is made of!

“It wasn’t so hard after all!”

‘Bubbles Bubbles in the air, bubbles bubbles everywhere!’ says the teacher

Giggles and screeches are what you hear Tuesday mornings coming from upstairs at LASOS. 6mths- 3 yr old children learning the basics of literacy and parents learning how to sue common household items as a lesson in patterns, shapes and numbers.

As I walk in the room I hear mothers proudly announcing, “ look no more diapers!”

A big deal for an almost 3 year old! “It wasn’t so hard after all,” she said. As her child beams with pride and pulls out the waste band to his newly bought underwear.

I have even had the mom’s ask where they can buy books that encourage the skills the kids have been learning!

MARK your calendars!

MAY 5th, 2012

11:00 the 3rd annual Celebration of Cultures at the Bel Air Armory sponsored in part by the Harford County Arts Council and Harford county Human relations office.

6:00 put on those dancing shoes for our 3rd annual Latin dance!

We have vendor spots open for local artists in and outside of the Armory for the Celebration of Cultures. \$10 a spot for outside \$20 a spot for inside (spots limited) . So if interested please let us know.

So please place our events on your calendars and hope



We need your help! Become a “Friend” 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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citizenship family literacy youth mentoring adult literacy
 general fund

Mentoring wish list:

- Scissors
- Graphing calculator
- Thumb drives
- Construction paper
- notebook paper
- your time



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Business Tagline or Motto

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It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to

give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or ser-

vices, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction. If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



Caption describing picture or graphic.