

The Kino Connection

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Kino and Casa -- We Go Way Back

Casa Maria is a Catholic workers' community that provides a variety of services, including free lunches for homeless people, free food for families on the edge of poverty, a medical clinic, English classes, and help in finding jobs. Every Wednesday, former Kino teacher Becky Duncan takes Kino students to Casa. The volunteer services they perform can be making and serving soup, bagging lunches and donuts, sorting clothes, and washing dishes. Becky leaves Kino before homeroom is over, and students are back at school by lunch time.

We're not sure how long Kino students have been helping out at Casa Maria. In 2001 we said it was over twenty years, which is about how old Casa Maria itself is. Becky says her daughter Ashley got us started sometime before she graduated in 1992.

Kino students who are in junior high need to do 15 hours of community service every year. High school students are required to do 30 hours. While a student may start helping at Casa Maria because of this requirement, often he or she finds that it is a rewarding and life altering experience.

Last Christmas, Brian Flagge wrote:

"Needless to say, we are big fans of Kino School -- they, especially Becky, have been faithful soldiers in the struggle here for many many years."

Students who are interested in volunteering at Casa Maria should pick up a permission slip at the front desk. A permission slip for Casa is good for the entire semester.

Casa Maria is always in need of help. They suggest: Food items, like:

Pinto beans, mustard, coffee, canned goods, fresh fruit, tomato sauce (or anything like it), fresh vegetables, any kind of meat, anything that would go in a bag lunch.

Clothing items, like:

Men's pants, shoes, socks, underwear, jackets, blankets, sleeping bags, etc.

Toiletries, like:

Disposable razors, soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes & paste, towells, etc.

Volunteering your time:

They need people to help in the kitchen each weekday morning from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Help Nicky Give Kino a Guitar !

Nicky has the goal of collecting 50,000 Peter Piper tickets. With that many tickets, he can get a guitar, which he will donate to Kino's music program. That's a lot of tickets, so he needs all our help! Bring any Peter Piper tickets you win to Kino -- you can give them to Nancy at the front desk.

Clean Up Day Thank You !

Lisa and Chris say the Animal Center has not been so clean in years. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who came up to school last Saturday and worked so hard!

Sweet Tomatoes Monday

Need an excuse to eat out next week? Why not eat at the Sweet Tomatoes at River Road and Stone on Monday? If you eat there between 5 pm and 8 pm, Kino will receive **15%** of whatever you spend.

There are a couple of easy catches to make sure Kino gets its share:

- You need to have a flyer showing you want your meal to benefit Kino. We have a stack of them on the front desk. We aren't allowed to pass them out at Sweet Tomatoes, so be sure you bring one with you.
- You need to buy a drink and a beverage.



One must be an inventor to read well. . . . There is then creative reading as well as creative writing.

--- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Rodeo, Kino Style



Rope a cow



Get some water for yourself and your horse

Distract a rattle snake



Start a fire

Things won are done; joy's soul lies in the doing.
-- William Shakespeare

Race back to base



Grind some beans

Middle level students invented Rodeo Relay. Each team: (1) roped a cow; (2) distracted a rattlesnake; (3) ground up beans for dinner; (4) made a fire by rubbing sticks together; (5) watered their horses and drank some water; (6) escaped from the quicksand; (7) trudged through the mud; (8) jumped over cholla; (9) ran back to base; and (10) got caught in the monsoon. Jennifer says they were so evenly matched that Team One won by only a second.



Monsoon!

