



Casa Nueva Vida Lawrence (yellow house on the right) and proposed project (blue house on the left)

“Expansion on the Move”

Casa Nueva Vida Expanding in Lawrence

by Development Team at Casa Nueva Vida, Inc

Casa Nueva Vida has embarked upon a new capital campaign to request your support in the purchase and renovation of 59 Jackson St., located directly next door to our shelter at 57 Jackson St. The property is being purchased for the purpose of creating 10 additional shelter units for homeless families. We seek to (once again) replicate the service model that has been so successful at our Jamaica Plain shelter. This new shelter will allow us to increase our overall shelter capacity by 40% , serve additional homeless Latino families in a community in need and increase our efficiency by consolidating administrative functions over all three shelter sites.

The demand for such services is acute and the project has the strong support of the City of Lawrence. The property is currently a Colonial commercial property located at 59 Jackson Street in Lawrence. Originally used as a residence, it was constructed in approximately 1855 and is in the Prospect Hill Historic District adjacent to Lawrence Common. Consequently, it is a property of great significance and visibility to the City and will provide a warm and welcoming home for the additional homeless families Casa Nueva Vida serves in Lawrence.

The Need for 2nd Site:

Lawrence is one of the poorest cities in the United States, and is the poorest in Massachusetts. With a population of just over 82,000 people (69% of whom are Hispanic), 27,060 (33%) live below the poverty level. Of children under age 18 in Lawrence, 50% live in households below the poverty line. An estimated three out of every four children in Lawrence are at risk for hunger.

Please Support Our Capital Campaign

We are planing to raise \$420,000 for the purchase and renovation of the new site right next to our current shelter in Lawrence, MA. Your support will go to a great cause in a community in need.

Breakdown:

\$271,665 Acquisition
 \$147,239 for renovation and accommodate 10 new families.

To learn more about our current Capital Campaign and other projects please visit, www.casanuevavida.org

Casa Nueva Vida

Changing Lives one homeless family at a time!

THANKS TO COMCAST CASA NUEVA VIDA OFFERS INTERNET SECURITY AND AWARENESS TRAINING AT CASA NUEVA VIDA FOR TEENS

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To create a safer browsing environment and to accomplish our objective

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My name is Wendy Polanco. I came to Boston MA looking for a specialist for my son Michael. He has a rare disease called ***Netherton syndrome***.

We stayed in Boston with our family from August to October 2012. They could not have us in their house any longer, so that is when the struggle started. I had to get a place where my son and I could sleep.

I called the Social Worker at Boston Children's Hospital where my son gets medical care, I explained the situation and she told me to go to The Department of Housing and Community Development where they could provide us with a shelter. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) said that they had to verify if it was true that I was homeless, so once again, I called my son's teacher and explained to her what we were going through. To our relief, the school paid for a hotel so we could spend the night in a secure place. The next morning, Michael and I went back to the DHCD and they placed us in a shelter name *Casa Nueva Vida*, Inc.

We have been at *Casa Nueva Vida* for three months. At the beginning, it was hard living with fifteen other families, but now we all get along and the families are comfortable with my son's disability. The staff has been



supportive and nice, especially with my son. They also paid for a vocational training for me to attend classes at the American Red Cross where I enrolled in their Certified Nurse Assistant/ Home Health Aide program, in computer and financial education classes.

I am glad to be at *Casa Nueva Vida* because they are helping us a lot. When I was down they helped me get back up on my feet and we are very thankful for everything they have done for us. I feel secure and confident that soon, we will have a place to call home.

Netherton syndrome is a rare autosomal recessive genodermatosis characterized by congenital ichthyosiform erythroderma, trichorrhexis invaginata, and atopic diathesis with failure to thrive.

Chronic skin inflammation results in scaling and exfoliation, predisposing these patients to life-threatening infections, sepsis, and dehydration.



Thank you to Comcast for the Support on the Teen Lab Project

Comcast has been a "local" company since our founding in 1963. Our connection to the communities we serve has always been important to us. We work hard to build and strengthen relationships with community partners to make a difference, improve neighborhoods and create lasting results.

We power dreams in our communities by providing access to innovative technology, volunteering our time, giving financial support and partnering with great organizations.

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- National Urban League
- National Council of La Raza
- Casa Nueva Vida, Inc.
- City Year
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- Teach for America
- Asian American Justice Center



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We always need help!

For volunteer opportunities, holiday donations, or activities benefitting the families at Casa Nueva Vida please contact:

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FAST FACTS

Nearly

900 Families

Served and placed in save and affordable housing

WE ARE VERY DIVERSE

36% African American

1% Asian

17% Caucasian

44% Hispanic

1% Multi National



Computer Lab for Teens

The Internet is a very important tool. These days, if you don't know how to use the Internet, you're severely hindered. But it is also a floodgate for many dangerous and harmful influences such as, but not limited to, pornography, virus infections, encounters with strangers and predators, bullying, and so much more.

The Youth Internet Security and Awareness Training is intended to help youth understand internet unsafe situations as well as to avoid any unknown law violation like Cyber bullying and Cyber-Harassment.

To create a safer browsing environment and to accomplish our objective, we at Casa Nueva Vida offer the following training:

- Teaching Youth About Internet Safety
- Staying Safe from Online Predators
- Cyber bullying and Cyber-Harassment
- Using Social Networks Safely
- Understanding File Sharing Networks
- Mobile Device Safety

TRAINING RESOURCES

- OnGuardOnline.gov: This is a site created by the Federal Trade Commission. It has information for parents as well as games and videos for kids and teens.
- NetSmartz.org: This site was created by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. It has videos that are geared towards different age ranges, and also videos and information for parents.

- Wired Safety: Wired Safety has lots of information about online safety that parents and educators can use.
- Family Online Safety Institute: This website has a printable Family Online Safety Contract, as well as other tips and resources for parents.
- Microsoft Safety & Security Center: Here you can find internet safety guidelines for children of different age ranges. These guidelines were created by The American Academy of Pediatrics along with Microsoft.

We also incorporate the following site to our Resource List

- YouAreHere: This is a "virtual mall" created by the Federal Trade Commission that includes many online safety activities for kids and teens.
- OnGuardOnline.gov: Here you can find games and videos for kids and teens.
- NetSmartz.org: This site was created by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. It has videos that are geared towards different age ranges. You can also view many of these videos on NetSmartzKids or NSTeens (shown below).
- NetSmartzKids: Here you can find internet safety games for children ages 5-10.
- NSTeens: This is a NetSmartz site that is geared towards tweens and teens from ages 8-17.

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