



# La Vida News

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**Our Mission:** *La Vida, a faith-based organization in partnership with St. Joseph's parish in Lynn, Massachusetts, serves the spiritual and material well-being of area Latino youth and adults by providing a wide range of programs, including education, citizenship, and the promotion of strong moral values.*

## La Vida Services

- ▶ La Vida Y.E.S After-School Program
- ▶ La Vida Scholars
- ▶ La Vida E.S.L
- ▶ La Vida Citizenship
- ▶ La Vida Spanish Literacy
- ▶ Guatemalan Mobil Consulate
- ▶ La Vida Youth's Parent Seminar



We La Vida Y.E.S students want to let everyone know how much we really appreciate your support, time and commitment by helping us with our homework and all our school work. Especially to all the volunteers that come Monday thru Thursday between 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM to support the wonderful work that La Vida is doing with us. This program is unique in each and every way, we know la Vida Inc. cares for us, for our entire family and our community.



We, the Scholars students, are so excited pretty soon will be our first year anniversary. When this program started, only 15 students were selected to be the first generation of this wonderful program. We are now 30 Scholars getting prepared for college; our parents are totally involved and committed to learning the process of preparing for that special moment. We are getting the support needed, such as MCAS prep, applying for scholarship, SAT prep, and college visits. La Vida is helping us obtain everything we need to know. To La Vida friends thank you for the support.

La Vida's English as a Second Language courses are composed on four levels that last four months. Most of our students are parents and grandparents of our program youth. Classes are offered morning and evenings to make these courses convenient for our community. We also offer intensive ESL classes for six weeks during the summer. Some of our ESL students are new comers to this country with a college background and ready to integrate into the community. Many of our students already graduated from La Vida's Basic ESL and are attending local colleges to take intermediate ESL classes.

## Special Dates:

**Dec 23 – Jan 4, 2009**  
La Vida Offices Are Closed for the Holidays

**Thursday Dec 25, 2008**  
Christmas

**January 2009**  
La Vida Inc. 13 Years Anniversary

**Monday Jan 5, 2009**  
La Vida Y.E.S Program  
La Vida Scholars  
Back in Action

**Monday Jan 12, 2009**  
E.S.L New Semester Begins  
Level 1 and 2 Basic English

**Tuesday Jan 13, 2009**  
Spanish Literacy Classes Begin

**Wednesday Jan 14, 2009**  
E.S.L New Semester Begin  
Level 3 and 4 Basic English

**Friday Jan 16, 2009**  
Citizenship Classes Begin

**Monday Jan 19, 2009**  
La Vida Scholars Program  
1st Year Anniversary

La Vida Spanish Literacy Classes are provided to those adults who never had the chance to learn how to write or read. These special groups have our support and know that we are here to help them in life. These adults have taken this opportunity as a second chance in life; we have young and older adults that for unfortunate reasons they did not go to school when they were young children. Step by step we teach them the alphabet, numbers, and how to write their name and home address. When each individual graduates from this program, they sign up for our ESL classes. This program is provided twice a week in the morning and in the evening for their convenience.



Once a year we provide the Guatemalan community with Mobil Consular services for a weekend. Over 1,500 people receive consulate services.

For the past two years, we have had the opportunity to provide our youth's parents with a seminar which title is "How to become better Parents". This seminar teaches parents how to better understand their children and how to better communicate with them. We are pleased with the results of this seminar.

Every Friday we provide Citizenship courses. We educate students on the history and politics of the United States, practice the reading and writing portion of the Citizenship interview test, and teach them how to fill out the citizenship application. This course is also provided in Spanish for those students who qualify to take the test in Spanish. After our students become new citizens of the U.S.A we guide them on how to register to become voters and provide them a guide with the different things they need to do.

*"I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly"*  
*"He venido para que tengan vida, y la tengan en abundancia"*  
(Jn 10:10)



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