

Teen spearheads drive to assist Amigo Center Outreach

Jordan Schwartz, a 17 year old senior at Atlanta Girls' School interns at People TV and helps with the FUEL Media youth class. FUEL media not only teaches t.v. production skills but encourages youth to make positive changes in their communities with media.

In October Jordan proposed a project to get the class involved beyond production skills and hosting practice. Jordan proposed a Baby Shower to Benefit the Women of Immokalee.

On Oct. 23 high school aged youth from the class at People TV and The Children's Bilingual Theater hosted the Baby Shower event.

FUEL Media students interviewed the guests, presented facts on the area and it's people and filmed the event as part of a mini documentary on Immokalee. Refreshments were served and the gifts that were brought in were to be donated to Amigo Center in Immokalee. On Dec. 20, Jordan drove down to deliver the donations.

Jordan is a champion of underdogs, having recently marched in Washington for the Dream Act and worked at the Georgia legislature for disability rights and with the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials to help bring recognition to the great work of

migrant leader Cesar Chavez.

At age 10 she founded the Children's Bilingual Theater and has now produced 5 bilingual plays at schools and community centers around Atlanta. Jordan has brought together 200 volunteers to help bridge the language and cultural gaps in our communities. This year Jordan became a Census 2010 partner Jordan hoped to help bring awareness and understanding of the 2010 Census to the Latino Community. She had the opportunity to meet many people working with Census 2010 including Marcella Rice and Juanita Mainster. Their work in the Homestead and Immokalee areas motivated Jordan to get involved and help bring a bit of relief to the mothers of Immokalee with this gesture of fellowship.

Marcella Rice said, "We are very happy to welcome Jordan and appreciate her help." The baby products and toys will be distributed during the holiday season through the ministry at the Amigo Center.

For information on the Children's Bilingual Center visit: www.childrensbilingualtheater.org.



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Many young mothers in Immokalee will benefit from the idea of one young woman, 17 year old Jordan Schwartz (left), a student at Atlanta Girls' School. She took the initiative to organize a "Baby Shower" for the young mothers of Immokalee, bringing gifts of new baby items to share at the special event.

'Blessing Christ' reaches out to local Immokalee families

By Rick Heers

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For the last several years a large group of caring individuals under the direction and inspiration of Ramon Chao have come out to Immokalee and coordinated giving of gift packages to scores of families while also conducting a barbecue and large donation of used clothing.

Over 200 people lined up in a driving rain-storm around an auxiliary building at First Assembly of God Church on 2nd Avenue North in Immokalee to have their opportunity to go through a large room with tables filled with good used clothing for their families. A number of Naples churches, spear-

headed by a large group from First Baptist Church in Naples participated in making this year's distribution a great success.

Earlier in the day scores of volunteers delivered gift boxes which included non-perishable food and toiletry items along with wrapped gifts for the children and either a Spanish or English Bible as well.

In addition to providing gifts for families in Immokalee, the group also provided 40 children and 18 families in Everglades City with similar packages.

Thanks to loving groups like this, along with Guadalupe Social Services, the Salvation Army, Lake Trafford Marina, Friendship House, RCMA, Code Enforcement, the Col-

lier County Sheriff's Office and countless other organizations, the Christmas holiday carries a great deal of joy to the many needy families in our community.



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Adult and Community Education offers new Macintosh classes

The School District of Collier County's Adult and Community Education (ACE) program will offer new Macintosh (Mac) classes on laptop starting the week of Monday, Jan. 3, running for six weeks. There will be two courses for beginners: one on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and one on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Two non-beginning Mac courses will also be offered: one on Mondays from 6:15-8:45 p.m., and the other on Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. All classes will be held in room 404 at Barron Collier High School located at 5600 Cougar Drive.

The beginning classes are fun, easy, and practical. Students will learn how to use the Mac laptop, including how the menu

system, folders, and files work. Students who enroll in the non-beginning courses and know their way around the Mac, are ready for the interesting and exciting programs that Apple's iLife suite offers, including iPhoto, iMovie and iDVD, Safari, Mail, iChat and more. Students will also learn what can be done with the iWork suite.

Registration will take place at the first class meeting. The course fee is \$69, and students must bring their own laptop to class.

To view the other hundreds of courses offered, please visit www.collieradulthood.com. To learn more, please call 239-377-0777 or contact ACE through their Web site.