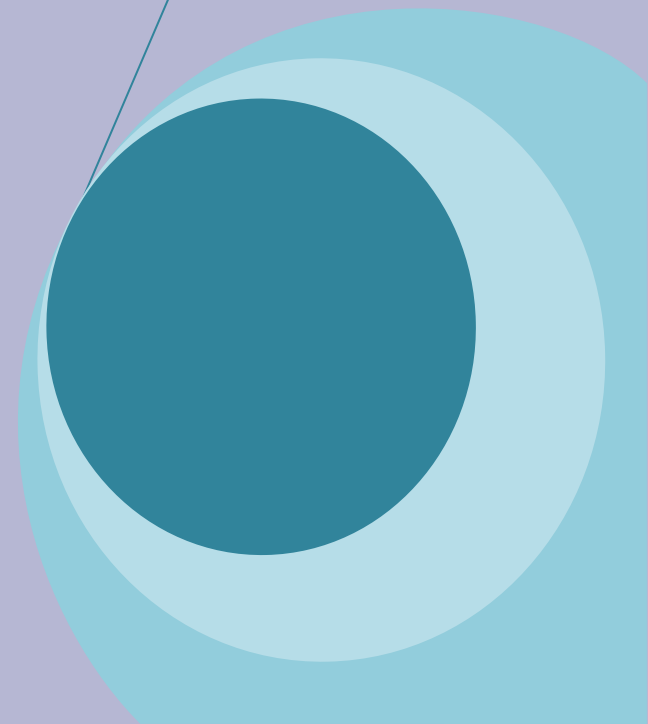
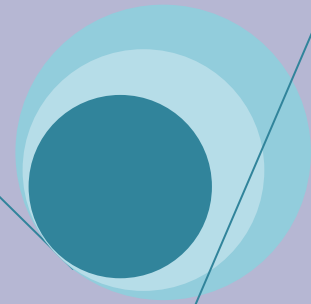


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MPC Women's Programs

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Spring 2009 Newsletter*



Your Donations Make it Possible!



Your proceeds go a long way to validate and support very worthy women students in financial crisis. Cristal, an excellent and motivated student, with a 4.0 grade point average, came in for assistance mid-February. Two summers ago Cristal had fallen ill and had to seek medical attention at a local hospital. With no health insurance, her bill was well over several thousand dollars. She had been making her monthly payments but had fallen behind due to lack of finances. She applied for Women Supporting Women hoping that the fund could help her with the monthly payment in February. Women Supporting Women has been able to assist her, leaving Cristal to focus on her studies and maintain her 4.0 GPA.

Donations, a Little Goes a Long Way

We depend on community donations to help the many MPC women students. In addition to helping our students in emergency financial situations, Women's Programs provides other services. Our services include loaning textbooks for students who are not eligible for any other MPC program, maintaining an emergency food pantry, and making soup and coffee for hungry students daily. These programs are always in constant need of funding. You can help us continue these important services by donating to any of the following three services:

- *Women Supporting Women*
- *Emergency Food Pantry or Personal Necessities Cupboard*
- *Textbook Loan Program*

All donations may be mailed or delivered to:

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Notes from the Center...

Hello Women Supporting Women Donors!

My name is Yesenia Calderón and I am a Re-entry Counseling Specialist at Women's Programs. I may not know most of you, but for the past seven years, I have seen your donations stream in devotedly. For the last month and a half, the Women Supporting Women Fund has helped 17 students with requests ranging from monthly bus passes to car insurance. The demand is not only for Women Supporting Women. For example, our Emergency Food Pantry has given 36 bags of groceries since September 2008. With many students facing possible lay-offs or loss of income due to the economy, helping them with food has become a constant priority. We depend on community grants and donations such as yours to help replenish our pantry. It is available to students for emergencies, and we also use it to make our daily soup for the many hungry, sometimes homeless students.

Another service that has seen an increase in use is our Textbook Loan Program. Last year we loaned out 794 textbooks to students who could not afford to buy their textbooks. This semester 740 textbooks are out on loan from subjects ranging from Automotive to Women's Studies. Because of their lack of finances, some students try to take their courses without a textbook. This can severely hinder their learning and their ability to finish a course. A math book can cost anywhere from \$100 to well over \$200. A student with a full course load can end up spending over \$400 on their textbooks alone. This is why our Textbook Loan Program has become essential for students and your support is imperative.

Aside from our biggest needs, I want to take the time to update you on what's also happening in our Center. Recently, we've had one of our staff members, Carolyn Griffin, retire. Carolyn, a dedicated employee for 19 years, was instrumental since the beginning of our program. Much like Dr. Peet's retirement, Carolyn is leaving a big legacy behind. She has helped many students over the years and the impact she has had on their lives will never be forgotten. We miss her dearly and wish her well in her future retirement plans.

**Women's Programs
is the best!!**



Women's Programs' own Yesenia Calderón gave birth to Nicolas Salinas, V., with the love and support of her husband, Nick Sr. on Friday, October 24, 2008 at 4:24 p.m. Nick Jr. weighed in at 9lbs 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. Yesenia returned from her maternity leave in February and we are thrilled she is back! The family is doing well and Yesenia has become an expert at working without sleep!