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Graduates Michelle Marroquin, Erica Hamlin, and Alyssa Johnson holding her son Mason, and Mission of Love Charities CEO Deborah Martinez

FIRST STUDENTS IN CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATE AND PREPARE FOR EMPLOYMENT

Mission of Love Charities, Inc., in collaboration with Heritage Care, Inc., in Hyattsville, Md., proudly announces that six students have graduated from their Workforce Development program that trains people to become Certified Nursing Assistants.

Erica Hamlin, Jaismin Jackson, Alyssa Johnson, Shorzoria Lewis, Michelle Marroquin and LaQuaya Matthews were the graduates who were honored in a graduation ceremony on May 22.

These students finished a six-week curriculum, which will qualify them to begin work as a regular employee or as an intern with a nursing care facility. Graduates then have 120 days to take and pass a state examination to be licensed as a Geriatric Nurse Assistant. The training program is working with them and helping them get licensed as a CNA, register with the NNAAP (National Nursing Aide Assistant Program), and prepare to take the NNAAP exam.

This six-week session training Certified Nursing Assistants is the first of many sessions that will be conducted over the coming months by Mission of Love

Charities and Heritage Care. Mission of Love Charities welcomes applications from people who wish to enroll in the program.

“Mission of Love Charities is committed to creating Workforce Development programs to retrain people who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, so they can get back on their feet economically,” says Mission of Love Charities CEO Deborah Martinez. “There are lots of job opportunities for Certified Nurse Assistants so that graduates of this program will be able to begin earning an income almost immediately upon graduation from the six-week program.”

“Heritage Care is excited to be able to create this new dimension of training and workforce development for people who desperately need employment. In a few months, the graduates of this program are able to get a job and start earning an income. That would be a welcome improvement for their lives, and we are happy to be a part of that,” says Juan Caicedo, Executive Director and CEO of Heritage Care.

MISSION OF LOVE CHARITIES JOINS WITH THE US WATER ALLIANCE IN EFFORT TO ENSURE WATER AVAILABILITY TO ALL

The US Water Alliance recently launched Recovering Stronger: Transforming Water Management in America, a two-year initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that will include Mission of Love Charities as a collaborative partner. As part of that initiative, the Alliance recently released Recovering Stronger: A Federal Policy Blueprint, which highlights for Congress and the Biden Administration the One Water policies that are central to recovery.

Mission of Love Charities has been asked to partner with WSSC and Interfaith Works in the local programs that the Water Alliance is implementing in the Washington metropolitan area.

The US Water Alliance is launching this effort during a time of great change—in our daily lives and in the

water sector, i.e., access to water, the cost of water services, governance structures, and even how critical water services are funded. That is why the Alliance is launching the Recovering Stronger initiative.

In partnership with water agencies, the Alliance over the next two years will develop five local pilots focusing on water access, affordability, utility collaboration and consolidation, smart water management and using water as a pathway to address climate change. Our first pilot, Preventing Shutoffs for Low-Income Households, will support 10 utility-community partnerships on preventing water shutoffs for low-income households while balancing financial resilience. For more information about the Water Alliance, visit www.uswateralliance.org/initiatives/recovering-stronger.

YESSICA MOLINA SPEAKS WITH COLOMBIAN CONSULATE



On May 27, 2021, Yessica Molina, MOLC Lead Case Manager, was invited by the Colombian consulate to do a Facebook live to discuss

Mission of Love Charities. She shared which resources both MOLC and Prince George's County offer to the Latinx population, especially to Colombians in Maryland, Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia. During the Facebook live, she had the opportunity to talk about Mission's educational programs, food pantry services, and the Case Managers assisting eligible people for SNAP benefits. Lastly,

she talked about the partnership with Prince George's County, where MOLC assists individuals applying for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. There was a lot of interest and excitement in the ESL courses we foresee developing. Her conversation with the Colombian consulate sheds light on all we are trying to do here at the mission, upon conclusion of the Facebook live, the audience views were over 2,500.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Melissa Lima! Melissa Lima, Office Manager at Mission of Love Charities, recently graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with two degrees: a Bachelor of Science in Information Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Please join the staff of Mission of Love Charities in wishing Melissa a hearty congratulations!

We also note that Melissa is an Army veteran where she served at the rank of Specialist.

Mission of Love Charities welcomes DeCarlo Wiley to its staff. DeCarlo works as an associate, helping to process and intake people who come to Mission of

Love Charities seeking help with their basic needs. DeCarlo is a native Washingtonian, who has a background in the hotel business. He previously was Group Reservations Coordinator at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, D.C., and he is a certified meetings planner. DeCarlo graduated from D.C.'s Theodore Roosevelt High School where he ran track, and he attended the University of the District of Columbia. He is an avid bird watcher.

"I really enjoy being of service working at Mission of Love Charities, and seeing the impact that our work has on people," says DeCarlo. "It is so good to see people come in, and after we are able to help them, then watch them go away happy."