

❖ Special Announcements! ❖

We are very excited to welcome a mobile **Food Pantry** to our family of partners at Village Exchange Center. This food pantry will be available every other Thursday from **2:30 to 3:30pm**. This month the food pantry will be available **March 8 and 22**.

We also would like to welcome Connie, a front desk volunteer, to our team this month. Come visit her on Fridays, say hello and learn more about what we do! We are always looking for more energetic and friendly people to help us around the center, if you are interested in volunteering please reach out today!

Call our office at (720) 669 – 9968 or email sam@villageexchangecenter.org



Picture from Warm Cookies of the Revolution event in February

❖ This Month's Highlights ❖

VEC Town Hall

Thursday March 1, 2018,
6:00 to 8:00 pm



You are invited to a very special
Town Hall Meeting and
Free Community Dinner with your
Ward 1 City Council Member:

Crystal Murillo!

At The Village Exchange Center
1609 Havana Street, Aurora, CO 80010

Legal Literacy with International Rescue Committee Denver

Come and learn more about how the law affects you as a refugee! Learn about travel restrictions, citizenship, your rights as a refugee in the US and more. Lawyers will be available to present information, answer some of your questions and provide resources for further consultation. To learn more about IRC and their work visit www.rescue.org/united-states/denver-co.

Spring Break Activities for Kids

What: Join Aurora Mental Health and the Village Exchange Center for two days of daytime activities, including games, crafts, sports and snacks!

When: March 28 & 29, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Cost: FREE

Email: amy@villageexchange.org or sam@villageexchange.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968 or Amy at (510) 717-6720

Where: 1609 Havana St Aurora CO 80010

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center (VEC) and Aurora Mental Health

✂ Programs and Services ✂

ADULT EDUCATION

Citizenship Class with APDC

What: Classes to prepare students to become US Citizens. Students study vocabulary for the citizenship test and interview, the 100 civics questions, interview practice, and assistance filling out the citizenship application (N-400).

When: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Cost: FREE

Email: michaelyr@apdc.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Host Org(s): Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC)

Sponsored by: City of Aurora Office of International and Immigrant Affairs

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes with APDC

What: 10-week ESL classes for low-beginning (level 0 – 1) and high-beginning (Level 2-3) students. Students learn reading, writing and speaking life-skills English for the job, family and society.

When: Low-Beginning Class: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:00 am
 High-Beginning Class: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$25/10 weeks and \$20/book

Email: michaelyr@apdc.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Host Org(s): Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC)

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Photo of the Natural Helpers Training in February

English Language Acquisition (ELA) with Focus Points

What: A semester (14-week) class for adult English language learners. Class focuses on reading, writing, speaking and listening English skills. Childcare available.

When: Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday, 8:45 – 11:45 am or 12:15 – 3:15 pm
 Cost: \$30/semester and \$10/book
 Phone: (303) 292-0770 Ext. 147
 Where: 1085 Peoria St, Aurora, CO 80011
 Host Org(s): Focus Points Family Resource Center

English Conversation Circle

What: A conversation circle to improve conversation and speaking skills. Call to register.
 When: Mondays, 10:00 – 12:00 pm
 Cost: FREE
 Phone: (303) 915-3105
 Email: di_ots@hotmail.com
 Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010
 Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center (VEC)

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Care – Drop-In Hours

What: The Village Exchange Center provides a safe space where all are welcome to come for general support, a place to ask questions and tell your story to help with community needs and concerns.
 When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:00 – 5:00 pm
 Cost: FREE
 Email: marcel@villageexchangecenter.org
 Phone: (720) 668-9968
 Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010
 Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center

Computer Class and Resource Lab

What: Open computer time for adult learners to gain basic computer literacy and job search support.

When: Tuesdays, 11:00 – 12:30 pm
 Cost: FREE
 Phone: (720) 668-9968
 Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010
 Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center

Diabetes Prevention Program (in Spanish)

What: Weekly course in diabetes prevention and wellness taught in Spanish. Call or email to register.
 When: Tuesdays, 11:00 am
 Cost: FREE
 Email: lmendivil@denverymca.org
 Phone: (303) 591-5685
 Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010
 Host Org(s): YMCA

Food Pantry

What: Mobile food truck brings food for the community twice a month.
 When: Every other Thursday (March 8 and 22)
 Cost: FREE
 Phone: (720) 668-9968
 Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010
 Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center (VEC)



Picture of a recent Food Pantry at the Village Exchange Center

Immigration Consultations

What: The Village Exchange Center is now available to support with basic immigration questions from N-400 applications, green card renewals, to questions of legal status.

When: Tuesdays by appointment only

Cost: \$25

Email: lara@villageexchangecenter.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana S, Aurora, CO 80010

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center

Scrap Booking and Storytelling

What: Learn how to create colorful memories and life stories in beautiful scrapbook pages; and have a fun social time. Experienced scrap-bookers at each session.

When: 1st Monday of every month 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Cost: FREE

Email: betty@villageexchangecenter.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Room: Martin Luther King Room

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center

YOUTH PROGRAMS**International Afterschool Program**

What: An afterschool wellness program for middle school youth with games, tutoring and homework help, karate, and more. Snacks included.

When: Monday – Thursday, 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Cost: FREE

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Phone: (720) 668-9968 or Amy at (510) 717-6720

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center

✱ GET INVOLVED ✱**Host your event in our center!**

VEC has a variety of spaces and rooms available for rent for special events, classes and services. Please contact us through our website at <https://villageexchangecenter.org/contact-us/> or by phone at (720) 668-9968.

Volunteer with us

We are always welcoming volunteer applications. Some areas of need include: youth tutoring, event staffing, and front office reception. Contact us through our website or call us at (720) 668-9968 for more information about how to volunteer your time!

Support our work

You can make contributions through our website using our online donation form. www.villageexchangecenter.org/donate/.

In-Kind Donations

As a new and emerging organization we also welcome in-kind donations. Currently we are looking for:

- Classroom size whiteboards
- Projectors and other AV and IT equipment
- Recreational and educational items for our afterschool program such as

board/card games, art materials, books,
and sports equipment (soccer balls,
basketballs, etc.)

Donate While Shopping!

We are participating in AmazonSmile! Follow this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-5174986> and 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon will be donated quarterly to the Village Exchange Center through a direct deposit! Remember to bookmark this link and always start from the www.smile.amazon.com link every time you shop at Amazon!

Special Event Sponsorship

The Village Exchange Center occasionally has sponsorship opportunities for one-time special events. Please contact amy@villageexchangecenter.org or sam@villageexchangecenter.org to enquire about upcoming sponsorship opportunities.

Share your news and events in our newsletter

Do you have something to add to future issues of *The Exchange*? Send content submissions to Kasey@villageexchangecenter.org.

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