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PORK BBQ FUNDRAISER NETS OVER \$2,000



Many thanks to the churches, individuals, and organizations that supported the Pork BBQ dinner fundraiser this past April.

Catered by Peters' Barbeque and served as a drive through from the parking lot of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, this event raised a profit of over \$2,000 to support the work of the Alpha and Omega Community Center (AOCC).

Generosity abounded as a number of people donated above the cost of the dinner.

The support of several congregations made a huge difference, for which we are grateful.

The funds raised go to support the many community programs offered through AOCC.



Wabank Witness

Summer 2026

Together We Can Continue Transforming Lives

Every year, our Annual Banquet becomes much more than a fundraising event—it is a celebration of God's faithfulness and of the incredible impact that compassionate people can have when they come together to serve others.

For more than three decades, Alpha & Omega Community Center has been privileged to serve the Latino community of Lancaster County by sharing God's love through educational and social services that strengthen individuals, families, and our community as a whole. Every month, hundreds of people find hope, practical assistance, and a welcoming place where they are treated with dignity and respect.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of churches, businesses, and individual supporters, our Annual Banquet raised \$9,491.89 allowing us to continue providing life-changing programs. Yet, beyond every meal distributed, every English lesson taught, every computer donated, or every counseling session offered, our greatest desire remains the same: to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those God brings to us.

Today, however, many nonprofit organizations are facing significant financial challenges, and Alpha & Omega Community Center is no exception. To continue serving hundreds of families each month, we need faithful partners who believe in our mission and are willing to invest in the future of our community.

We warmly invite you to our 2026 Annual Banquet, to be held on Saturday, August 29, at 6:00 p.m. at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. Guests will enjoy a delicious Latin American dinner, hear inspiring stories of transformed lives, and experience a special performance by renowned Chilean tenor Rodrigo Pérez. We believe this will be an unforgettable evening of fellowship, gratitude, and renewed vision.

Churches are invited to reserve a table for eight guests for only \$200, providing an excellent opportunity to introduce others to the life-changing ministry of Alpha & Omega Community Center.

Your prayers, your presence, and your financial partnership make an eternal difference. Together, we can continue bringing hope, restoring lives, and demonstrating the love of Christ to the people of Lancaster County.

To reserve your seat or table, please contact us at office@alphayomega.us or call (717) 394-3021.



~ Rev. Joel Peña, Director
Alpha & Omega Community Center

OUR BUSINESS SPONSORS ARE GENEROUS!

AOCC is happy to announce an increase in business sponsors for 2026. We are so very grateful for their support!

Business Sponsorship Bundles have been offered the past 5 years to area businesses. The sponsorship levels are: Platinum - \$3,000; Gold - \$2,000; Silver - \$1,000; and Bronze - \$500.

PLATINUM DONORS



Mastersadvisors.com
717-581-1323
1415 E.Oregon Rd., Leola



Jazmin's Day Care
728 Euclid Ave., Lancaster
717-723-6817

SILVER DONORS



Matthew 25 Thrift Shop
48 E. Main St., Lititz
717-626-4451

The Center is grateful for our returning sponsors: Master's Wealth Management, B.R.Kreider & Son, Inc., Haggerty, Goldberg, Schleifer, and Kuperson Injury Lawyers. We welcome new this year Jazmin's Day Care, Matthew 25 Thrift Shop in Lititz, Gibble, Kraybill & Hess LLP Attorneys at Law, and Riverside Camping Association.

BRONZE DONORS



B.R. Kreider & Son, Inc.
brkreider.com
63 Kreider Ln., Manheim
717-898-7651



Haggerty, Goldberg, Schleifer, and Kupersmith, P.C.
hgsklawyers.com
1271 Lititz Pk, Ste.1, Lancaster
717-735-3966

Business sponsors receive exposure to five different AOCC events throughout the year as well as the ability to distribute information at the events. They receive recognition of their generosity in print, on social media, in our newsletters, and at events.

For more information about becoming a business sponsor, please contact Director Joel Pena at joelpena@alphayomega.us.

BRONZE DONORS



Riverside Camping Association
730 E.Strawberry St., Lancaster
717-397-5698



Gibbel, Kraybill, & Hess, LLP
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gkh.com
2933 Lititz Pike, Lancaster
717-291-1700

YOUR LOGO HERE!

YOU ARE INVITED...

Consider the insert in this newsletter your formal invitation to the annual banquet.

Please join us on Saturday, August 31st at 5:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster, for a delicious meal followed by an inspiring program.

The RSVP deadline is August 21st.

With the theme of "How We Got Here", the program will feature the story of Ramonita Rivera-Navedo whose family immigrated to Lancaster County from Puerto Rico in the 1950's. Come hear Ramonita's fascinating stories of struggle and joy, adjustment and adaptation, stability and change, that she and her family encountered as new Latinx immigrants in Lancaster County, PA.

Music during the dinner and program will be provided by Rodrigo Perez, a renowned Chilean tenor.



The suggested minimum donation is \$25 per person, but we hope you will be inspired to give more when given the opportunity throughout the evening.

To make a reservation, email aoccfundraiser26@gmail.com and state how many people will be attending.

If you are unable to attend, you can support AOCC ministries with a donation designated for the banquet. Give by mail or online at <https://alphayomega.us> or scan the QR code on the invitation.

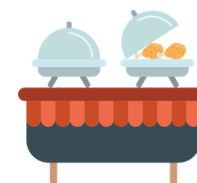
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

~ A&O Fall Banquet, August 29th, at Lancaster Church of the Brethren

~ A&O Fall Festival, September 26, 11am-1pm at Alpha and Omega Church of the Brethren

~ ExtraGive, November 20th

~ Pork BBQ Take Out, April 24th, 2027



FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

In an effort to cut operating expenses better support services offered by the community center, in the last newsletter it was proposed to save on the printing and mailing of the newsletter by making it available through email.

If you have submitted your email address to office@alphayomega.us in order to make the change next year to receiving this newsletter via email, we thank you. If you are still considering making the move, please know that either method of receiving our news (paper newsletter or email) is fine by us.

We just thank everyone for your consideration!