

Crystal Ball Gala

Saturday, November 14th, 2020

Join us virtually @ 6:00pm

www.casadeamparo.org/Crystal-Ball-Gala



Host a Virtual Wine Drop Party!

Support Casa de Amparo virtually!

Host a virtual happy hour with your friends and help us gather wine for our exclusive wine cellars that are auctioned off at our larger fundraising events.

To learn more, contact Kate Fletcher at kfletcher@casadeamparo.org.

Get Involved

Join the Casa Family Tree! Become a monthly donor and make a lasting impression. Become a Casa Homemaker! Join over 400 volunteers who are the backbone of what we do and make Casa home for our youth. Contact Kate at kfletcher@casadeamparo.org.

Leave a Legacy

By including a gift to Casa de Amparo in your will or living trust, you create a legacy that will heal lives for generations to come. Contact Kathy Karpé at kkarpe@casadeamparo.org for more information.

2020 Fall Newsletter from Casa de Amparo

Come Home to Casa

Dear Casa de Amparo Supporter,

Thank you for reading our Fall 2020 Come Home to Casa Newsletter. As the COVID-19 pandemic wares on, the Casa Kids Campus has become even more of a home to the 30 girls living on-site. Following CDC recommendations and local guidelines, our girls are spending more time on campus, just as you are likely spending more time at home.



Tamara Fleck-Myers, LMFT
Executive Director

We have seen an outpouring of support from community members who have made it possible for us to keep our kids safe, healthy, and happy, and have been able to provide our Casa Kids with more outdoor activities such as bikes, roller blades, skateboards, trampolines, and slip-N-slides. We celebrated the kickoff to Summer with a family barbeque and a day of giant inflatable water slides. Many kids are enjoying crafting, cooking, and finding new hobbies to keep busy.

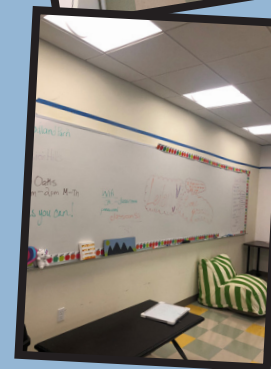
With the new school year upon us, we have made drastic changes to our facilities to transition to the new normal of virtual learning. Each girl has the necessary electronics to participate in school online. What used to be a donation sorting room, and recreational space, are now fully converted into functional classrooms. Our Residential Staff are working hard to not only care for the emotional and daily struggles our youth face, but also be supportive instructors for their new educational needs.

We are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season with hope and gratitude. Hope for a healthier world, and gratitude for our community who has made our day-to-day circumstances much better than we could have ever imagined at the start of all this.

Sincerely,

Tamara Fleck-Myers
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VIRTUAL LEARNING CLASSROOM





NEW BOARD MEMBER:

UNDERSHERIFF MIKE BARNETT

Mike Barnett is the Undersheriff of San Diego County. In this role, he serves as the chief deputy for the elected sheriff, overseeing all department operations for San Diego County, and is responsible for the \$945 million budget and 4,415 employees. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department operates 20 patrol stations, 7 detention facilities, 7 Superior Court facilities and the related Civil Division, and a nationally accredited Crime Laboratory. Mike has served the people of San Diego County for 29 years as a deputy sheriff in various and diverse roles throughout the ranks. He and his family live in North County where he is active in various church and community organizations. He looks forward to helping Casa de Amparo optimize its effectiveness in helping foster youth become productive and successful members of society. Welcome to the Casa de Amparo Board of Directors, Mike!

BIKE DONATION FROM SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Casa de Amparo has developed a partnership with the San Diego Sheriff's Department with the help of Undersheriff Mike Barnett! Through this partnership we have been able to supply our Casa Kids with over 30 bikes. These bikes are rehabilitated by inmates who are working to transition back into society. They choose to donate to charities like Casa de Amparo who support youth in making changes in their lives. Thanks to this donation, numerous youth now have a form of transportation to and from work and school. We are also so thankful our campus is filled with bikes for our youth to enjoy in their spare time.



PROGRAM UPDATE: FAMILY VISITATION SERVICES SUCCESS STORY

Beginning in February 2019, Casa de Amparo began working with a single mom in her twenties dealing with a history of drug use and mental health struggles. Her baby girl was exposed to drugs in utero and was only 4 months old when the two of them entered our Family Visitation program. Mom initially lived at a recovery center and Casa de Amparo staff transported her baby to the facility, and supervised their court ordered weekly two-hour visits. In April 2019, these supervised visits transitioned to unsupervised visits because of Mom's continuous improvement.

Then, in December 2019, Mom moved to a sober living center where the family was granted unsupervised visits twice weekly. Mom continued to progress and in March 2020, Mom and Baby began weekend overnight visits. At 20 months old, Baby was reunified with Mom in June 2020 after participating in Casa de Amparo's Family Visitation program for 16 months.

Through this time, Casa de Amparo staff were able to watch and support the love and bond that developed between Mom and Baby, while helping Mom grow as a new parent. Mom's dedication to learn healthy parenting techniques and create a safe living environment for her baby, along with the consistency Casa de Amparo staff provided was paramount for the successful reunification. We wish Mom and Baby a happy and successful future!



GEICO'S RECYCLED RIDES DONATION

GEICO has supported Casa de Amparo since 2013 by sponsoring events, supporting the holiday in-kind drive and most recently donating a car to one of our New Directions participants, Jacob D. After Jacob's car broke down earlier this year, he applied with Casa de Amparo to GEICO's Recycled Rides program to receive a replacement ride. Jacob is now able to use his new car for transportation to school and is in process of becoming an auto mechanic himself. We appreciate GEICO's continued support to our youth!



RESIDENTIAL SERVICES INCENTIVE ROOM

The 30 Casa Kids living at Casa Kids Campus are involved in a day rehab therapeutic program to help them recover from the emotional stress and trauma they've experienced. Casa de Amparo makes every effort to ensure that discipline practices are positive, trauma informed, educational, strengths-based, and consistent with the age, developmental, and cultural needs of each individual resident. Our Incentive Room is used to encourage positive behaviors and is filled with goodies such as make-up, games, journals, skateboards and stuffed animals. With so many wonderful in-kind donations from the community Casa de Amparo created an entire room to let the girls "shop" for items. Check out the pictures to the right!



Casa Family Tree

OUR MONTHLY DONORS

You are the reason we continue to grow and be better for our youth. Just like every leaf on a tree is essential to its health, every dollar you give is essential to allowing Casa to treat and prevent child abuse each and every day.

JOIN OUR FAMILY TREE BY BECOMING A MONTHLY DONOR!

Go to www.casadeamparo.org/donate or email Kate at kfletcher@casadeamparo.org to learn more.



Healing Takes Community

SIGNATURE PARTNERS

Building a strong and safe community for our youth is at the heart of our mission. As a Signature Partner, your entire company can get involved through volunteering, event sponsorship, and in-kind drives.

BECOME A SIGNATURE PARTNER TO GET INVOLVED!

Go to www.casadeamparo.org/signaturepartner or email Kathy at kkarpe@casadeamparo.org to learn more.

