

2024 Summer Newsletter from Casa de Amparo

# Come Home to Casa

## CEO Reception



Dear Casa de Amparo Family:

Thank you for your warm welcome as I have moved into my new role from Director of Development to the Chief Executive Officer for Casa de Amparo. Your support means so much!

Speaking of support, we are so grateful to our donor and volunteer community for your unwavering support of the children and youth we serve. As you know, foster children are one of the most vulnerable populations in society. They come to us afraid, angry, and needing a tremendous amount of support. Through your generosity, we can make a difference for these kids. It is through your generous gifts that we can provide the caregivers who take care of our young adults and kids day in and day out.

It was so heartwarming to see eight of our girls in our Residential program graduate from high school. A huge milestone for kids in general and an even larger milestone for our dear foster youth. Thank you for being there to help when we ask. Thank you for answering the call to help kids whose parents are unable or unwilling to be there for our kids.

During this Summer season, we look forward to giving our kids new experiences like beach outings and water days, movies and theme parks and simple drives to the local store to spend their hard-earned allowance on something that gives them joy.

May you enjoy the summer season with family and friends! I hope to see you at our upcoming events this fall. Thank you for remembering Casa de Amparo in your volunteering and giving plans. We are grateful to you!

Sincerely,

*Katherine M. Karpé*

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## Spring and Summer Activities at Casa

We strive to provide as many normal activities as possible for the youth and young adults in our care. Many times, participants in our programs have had very few or no access to recreational or socially enjoyable activities. Here's what we've been up to:

### Spring activities:

- A yoga instructor came to the Casa Kids Campus to lead a yoga lesson
- The Ladies Auxiliary assembled summer goodie bags with fun items for the summer
- Eight high school graduates received beautiful donated leis for their graduation ceremony
- Oceanside Pottery Club hosted New Directions for a class on impressions in clay
- A make-up artist helped residents get ready for prom and provided a make-up class
- Participants visited the Carlsbad Flower Fields to take in the springtime beauty

### Summer activities:

- Participants attended the Del Mar Fair
- Casa de Amparo will host a summer water day at the Casa Kids Campus in San Marcos
- All Casa participants will receive access to the Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA in Encinitas
- Casa will host a back-to-school shopping boutique where residents will get to shop for back to school supplies and clothing
- The City of San Marcos will provide access to all San Marcos splash pads and pools

All of these activities are made possible by our community donations. Thank you for your ongoing support!



## Food Partnerships and Funding Support

Working with local grant partners, including Albertsons' Nourishing Neighbors, the San Marcos Community Foundation, and the Hervey Family Fund, Residential Services has received generous funding totaling almost \$75,000 to support food purchases for our youth!

This funding has been instrumental in ensuring that the food we provide meets the varying nutritional needs, cultural preferences, and dietary preferences of our youth. Many of our residents have overcome past experiences with food insecurity, making access to nutritious meals and snacks vital to their ongoing healing and development. By providing an environment where our youth always have access to nutritious food, they can better focus on their overall growth and well-being.

Beyond providing food, Residential Services empowers youth with culinary skills that foster independence. Through cooking classes, grocery shopping trips, and opportunities to prepare meals with staff, for themselves, and their peers, youth gain valuable life skills. These activities not only teach practical skills but also offer therapeutic benefits. Many of our youth find connection, solace, and a sense of control in cooking and baking, using these activities as effective coping mechanisms that offer comfort and stability amidst their healing journeys.

Thanks to the support from Albertsons, the San Marcos Community Foundation, and the Hervey Family Fund, Casa de Amparo continues to provide a nurturing environment where foster youth can thrive and develop essential life skills. This support is crucial in helping them heal and build a brighter future.

## San Marcos Recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month

Casa de Amparo accepted a proclamation from the San Marcos City Council and San Marcos Mayor Rebecca Jones, recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in San Marcos.

Thank you, City of San Marcos, for your support to protect the quality of life for families and children!



From left to right:  
Councilmember Ed Musgrove, Councilmember Maria Nunez, Mayor Rebecca Jones, Casa de Amparo CEO Kathy Karpe, Deputy Mayor Sharon Jenkins, Councilmember Mike Sannella.



Hervey Family Fund



Thank You!



## 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](http://www.casadeamparo.org/donate) or email Izabella at [ilatrach@casadeamparo.org](mailto:ilatrach@casadeamparo.org).



## 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](http://www.casadeamparo.org/signaturepartner) or email Heather at [hjenkins@casadeamparo.org](mailto:hjenkins@casadeamparo.org) to learn more.



## **Summer Garden Drive!**

Summer is here and we are excited to kickstart our gardens on the San Marcos and Oceanside campuses. Items can be sent to our office address or delivered between 9-5, M-F. For more information contact Robbie Carpenter at [rcarpenter@casadeamparo.org](mailto:rcarpenter@casadeamparo.org) or visit our Amazon Wish List by scanning the code below!

### **Needed Items**

- **Serrano Pepper Plants**
- **Better Boy Tomato Plants**
- **Large Soil Bags**
- **Gardening Tools**
- **Plant Tags**
- **Hot Jalapeno Pepper Plants**
- **Cilantro Herb Plants**
- **Gardening Gloves**
- **Support Cages**

