

2025 Spring Newsletter from Casa de Amparo

Come Home to Casa

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As the season of renewal and growth unfolds, I want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of our mission to uplift foster youth and former foster youth in our community.

We were overjoyed by the incredible turnout at our recent **Pinwheels and Pantry event**. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped us fully stock our pantry, ensuring that our **50—and growing—participants in the New Directions Program** have access to nutritious food and essential items. Food insecurity continues to be one of the most pressing challenges our clients face, and your donations make a real, tangible difference in their daily lives.

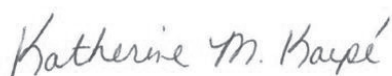
To continue meeting this vital need, we are asking our San Diego community to partner with us in organizing **year-round food drives**. Every contribution, big or small, helps us keep our pantry full and our youth supported.

We're also thrilled to share some exciting news: we have **remodeled our office in Oceanside** in preparation for the expansion of our New Directions program. This beautiful, welcoming space will allow us to bring more former foster youth into our transitional living program, helping them move confidently toward independence and self-sufficiency.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this important work. Together, we are creating brighter futures for young people who deserve every opportunity to thrive.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and peaceful spring season.

With gratitude,



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LashBar Donates Services to Our Residents

Thank you to Evelyn, owner of LashBar Escondido, for all your contributions to our Residential Services program! LashBar has been giving back by hosting free lash sessions on-campus and at the Escondido studio. Our residents enjoy being pampered and feeling special! Additionally, Evelyn recommended Casa de Amparo to 100 Women Who Care San Diego, which provided us with a \$10,000 donation at their inaugural event.



Local Partnerships Help Feed Our Youth

We are excited to partner with Feeding San Diego for food pickups to help stock New Directions' food pantry. Feeding San Diego "rescues" surplus food from grocery stores that isn't retail ready - like items with damaged packaging or "ugly" fruit - and donates it to partners like Casa de Amparo. Every Thursday, volunteers pick up fresh produce and bakery items from Sprout's Escondido and deliver them straight to our fridge!



Pinwheels & Pantries Drive Supports Child Abuse Prevention Month

Our inaugural Pinwheels & Pantries Drive took place on April 30 in support of April's Child Abuse Prevention Month. This family-friendly event brought our community together to raise awareness, support foster youth facing food insecurity, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who have experienced abuse. Attendees decorated pinwheels to enjoy at home, donated non-perishable food items for our New Directions' food pantry, and enjoyed a delicious dinner from Ms. Potato food truck. Guests purchased pinwheels to be displayed on Casa de Amparo's campuses as a powerful symbol of hope, strength, and commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect.



Casa de Amparo Welcomes HomeGoods to San Marcos

Casa de Amparo welcomed HomeGoods to San Marcos at the grand opening celebration in January, and HomeGoods presented us with a \$10,000 donation!



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 Izabella at 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 or email Heather at hjenkins@casadeamparo.org to learn more.



Join us at the Carlsbad Food & Wine Festival!

Casa de Amparo is a beneficiary of proceeds. We hope to see you there!

When: Saturday, July 26th, 2025, 4pm

Where: Viasat Campus, 2456 Town Garden Road, Carlsbad, CA 92009

For Tickets and Information: <https://carlsbadwineandfoodfestival.com/>

For every ticket purchased, \$75 will be donated to Casa de Amparo! Enjoy tastings from local wineries in addition to Temecula, Paso Robles, and Northern California. Delightful craft cocktails and flavorful beers will also be readily available. Savor exquisite bites from celebrated local restaurants. When the food and beverage tasting ends, the Dance Party begins at 7pm when the DJ gets the crowd to their feet to dance and enjoy this fun, festive atmosphere.

