



MEDIA CONTACT

Jennifer Cronin
Public Relations Specialist
jcronin@casadeamparo.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Casa de Amparo Hosts 27th Annual Crystal Ball Gala

Elegant Evening to Support Mental Health Recovery Services for Foster Youth

San Marcos, Calif. - (September 11, 2025) – [Casa de Amparo](https://www.casadeamparo.org), a leading nonprofit in treating and preventing child abuse and neglect in San Diego County and beyond, invites the community to its 27th Annual Crystal Ball Gala on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club in Rancho Santa Fe.

Since its inception in 1998, the Crystal Ball Gala has raised critical funds to help youth envision and create brighter, more hopeful futures. This year's event will continue that legacy, benefiting Casa de Amparo's mental health and recovery services for youth in crisis.

"The Crystal Ball Gala is more than just a celebration – it's a lifeline," said Kathy Karpé, Chief Executive Officer of Casa de Amparo. "Every dollar raised helps us provide critical mental health services and a safe, nurturing environment for youth who have experienced trauma. Together, we're showing Casa Kids that their past does not define their future – and that a brighter tomorrow is possible."

At the event, Casa de Amparo will proudly honor Sandy Bertha of the Marriott Daughters Foundation as the 2025 Crystal Ball Honoree. A tireless philanthropist and longtime supporter, Sandy has dedicated her life to empowering women and children both locally and globally.

The black-tie optional evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a festive cocktail reception, complete with a new champagne fountain and photo booth. Guests will enjoy a gourmet dinner prepared by acclaimed Chef Jeffrey Strauss of Pamplemousse Grill, followed by an exciting live auction featuring exclusive packages.

The silent auction will offer unique experiences and luxury items, including rare wines, vacation getaways, fine jewelry, and more. The evening will conclude with live music from No Country for Old Men and dancing.

All proceeds directly support Casa de Amparo's mission to stop child abuse and neglect, break the cycle of generational trauma, and foster environments of healing and hope.

Each year, approximately 3,500 children are part of the San Diego County foster care system. With the continued support of generous donors and community partners, Casa de Amparo has been transforming lives since 1978. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at www.casadeamparo.org/crystal-ball-gala. To donate an auction item or for more information, contact Bella Latrach, Development and Special Events Manager, at Bella@casadeamparo.org or 760-566-3559.



About Casa de Amparo

Established in 1978, Casa de Amparo (Home of Protection) is recognized as a leader in treating and preventing child abuse and neglect in San Diego County and beyond. The nonprofit organization has locations in Oceanside and San Marcos that serve Casa Kids from prenatal to 25 years old. The Casa de Amparo flagship integrated programs, Residential Services and New Directions, promote healing, growth, and healthy relationships. Casa de Amparo ensures that children and their families receive unique and innovative services for healing, for stopping child mistreatment of any kind, and for ending generational cycles of abuse. The result is a community where child abuse and neglect are not tolerated, and where child abuse awareness and prevention are priorities. For more information, visit www.CasadeAmparo.org.

###