

### **Halloween & Thanksgiving Drive!**

Casa de Amparo is gearing up to make the holidays a magical time for the youth living in Residential Services and we need your help! Below is a list of items our programs need to make this happen. Items can be sent to our office address or delivered between 9-5, M-F. For more information contact Yesenia Rosas at yrosas@casadeamparo.org or visit our Amazon Wish List by scanning the code below!

#### **Needed Items**

- -Decorations
- -Paper Plates
- -Plastic Silverware
- -Spa & Beauty Supplies
- -Arts & Crafts Supplies
- -Halloween Candy
- -Halloween Costumes (S-3XL)



2022 Fall Newsletter from Casa de Amparo

# Come Home to Casa

Casa de Amparo Ladies Auxiliary







Dear Casa de Amparo Supporter,

There is quite a bit of excitement at Casa De Amparo!

Helping current and former foster youth heal, learn, and grow into a life of independence is fulfilling work. Seeing the change and recovery that happens every day is rewarding and our staff takes great pride in their work for our kids. Our Residential Services team members helping 12-18 year olds as well as our New Directions advocates supporting the 18-26 year olds work around the clock through every crisis, setback, achievement and success to fulfill our Mission

of Treating and Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect.



Michael R. Barnett Chief Executive Officer

There is no way we could do it without our community partners. In this newsletter we highlight the recent opening of our TrueCare and Lennar Foundation Health Center. We also acknowledge the great folks at OOLY who donated the proceeds from their warehouse sale to Casa De Amparo. Finally, we highlight the opening of our remodeled Art and Comfort Room on the San Marcos Campus made possible by the support of our donors.

In addition to these amazing gestures of support, Casa de Amparo has recently formed a Ladies Auxiliary. The group is dedicated to supporting our special events and programs with their time and ideas to expand our community and raise much needed funds while establishing connections with like-minded women passionate about our cause. In just three short months, the group has already helped secure enticing auction items, plan future wine drop parties, and elegantly prepare gifts for our upcoming gala. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please reach out to Heather Jenkins, Director of Donor Relations at HJenkins@casadeamparo.org.

All of you, as the community of support at Casa De Amparo, are helping young people make a healthy, safe, and fulfilling life for themselves. On behalf of the staff and clients, I thank you for your continued generosity.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Barnett

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## **Grand Opening of the TrueCare & Lennar Foundation Health Center**

The Grand Opening of the TrueCare & Lennar Foundation Health Center was a huge success. We saw extraordinary support from our local community during the formal ribbon-cutting ceremony. We heard from Mayor Rebecca Jones, County Supervisor Jim Desmond, TrueCare C.E.O Michelle Gonzales, Lennar San Diego Division President Ryan Green, and Casa de Amparo C.E.O Michael Barnett. We also had the chance to meet the devoted healthcare providers who will be serving our youth right here on our San Marcos campus.

Foster youth face barriers to health care access including distrust in medical professionals, transportation logistics, and lack of parental advocacy. By having the TrueCare & Lennar Foundation Health Center on campus, Casa de Amparo youth can have a positive health journey under the guidance of a compassionate provider, while being supported by our staff who care for them daily.

Casa de Amparo wants to thank every single person who came to show their support especially TrueCare and Lennar Foundation for making this Health Center a reality.



From left to right:
Sara Sanchez – Care Coordinator, Casa de Amparo
Mayor Rebecca Jones – City of San Marcos Re
Michael R. Barnett - Chief Executive Officer, Casa de Amparo
Ryan Green – San Diego Division President, Lennar M
Michelle Gonzalez - President & C.E.O., TrueCare
Ipervisor Jim Desmond - San Diego County Board of Supervisors, District 5



From left to right:
Michelle Gonzalez - President & C.E.O., TrueCare
Representative from Assemblywoman Marie Waldron's Office
Ryan Green – San Diego Division President, Lennar
Michael R. Barnett - Chief Executive Officer, Casa de Amparo

OOLY Warehouse Sale

For years, OOLY has donated whimsical and colorful products that spark imagination and inspire self-expression to Casa de Amparo. This year we had the privilege of being a beneficiary of the OOLY Warehouse Sale where a portion of every sale benefited Casa de Amparo! The 2-day sale event was a wonderful way to connect with the community and share our own mission and love for OOLY items. Thank you, OOLY for continuing to create happiness in our Casa Kids!

### **Art & Comfort Room at Casa de Amparo**

Here at Casa de Amparo, it's our priority to provide excellent care to every child that walks through our doors. That's why we have created the new Art & Comfort Room here at our Casa Kids Campus.

The Art & Comfort Room provides a supportive therapeutic environment where Casa kids can use self-regulating techniques to manage their behavior and emotional state in a safe environment. It is a designated space where kids can express themselves through art therapy while being in an environment that is intentionally designed to help stabilize an individual when they feel stressed or overwhelmed.

We are still accepting donations to help build our Art & Comfort room. To donate scan the QR code below or contact Yesenia at yrosas@casadeamparo.org.





### 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.



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



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.











