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## **Casa de Amparo Opens 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Donation Center to Bring Joy to Casa Kids this Holiday Season**

**San Marcos, Calif.** - (November 30, 2023) – [Casa de Amparo](#), a leading nonprofit in treating and preventing child abuse and neglect in San Diego County and beyond, will open its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Donation Center from December 11-21. Located at 288 Campus Way in San Marcos, Casa de Amparo invites the community, local businesses, and groups to contribute new, unwrapped gifts for Casa Kids, aiming to fulfill their holiday wish lists and spread the spirit of joy.

"Through the generosity of our community, Casa Kids will experience the magic of the holiday season, and we're grateful for the support that makes their wishes come true," said Mike Barnett, Chief Executive Officer of Casa de Amparo. "Our commitment to combating child abuse and neglect is strengthened by the kindness and support of those who contribute to our cause."

The Holiday Donation Center will be open from 9:00 am–5:00 pm from December 11-15 and 18-21, with the last day to deliver gifts being December 18. A general wish list can be found on [Amazon](#).

The community, individuals, organizations, and groups are encouraged to participate by:

- **Sponsoring an Individual Casa Kid's Wish List:** Sponsor a Casa Kid from the Casa de Amparo Residential Services or New Directions program.
- **Providing a gift from the General Wish List:** A gift from the [General Wish List](#) will support Casa Kids wishes during the holidays and throughout the year.
- **Giving a cash gift:** Donate at [www.casadeamparo.org](http://www.casadeamparo.org).
- **Organizing a donation drive:** Individuals, businesses and groups are invited to organize a donation drive to collect donated items and deliver them to the Holiday Donation Center.
- **Volunteering time:** Help sort and wrap gifts for Casa Kids.

Each year Casa de Amparo supports Casa Kids age 12-25 and their babies. Stopping the mistreatment of children, ending generational cycles of abuse, and creating environments that promote healing, growth, and healthy relationships establish positive outcomes. Approximately 3,500 children live in the San Diego County foster care system annually. Thanks to generous donors, Casa de Amparo has been helping San Diego's abused and neglected children heal and grow since 1978.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Yesenia Rosas, Development & Volunteer Coordinator, at [yrosas@casadeamparo.org](mailto:yrosas@casadeamparo.org) or 760.566.3560.

**About Casa de Amparo**



Treating and Preventing  
Child Abuse and Neglect

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](http://www.CasadeAmparo.org).

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