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Casa de Amparo Secures \$250,000 Grant from The Prebys Foundation

The Funding will Support the Residential Services and New Directions Programs

San Marcos, Calif. - (January 18, 2024) – [Casa de Amparo](https://www.casadeamparo.org), a leading nonprofit in treating and preventing child abuse and neglect in San Diego County and beyond, announces the organization has received a \$250,000 grant from The Prebys Foundation. Casa de Amparo will utilize the funding to increase and improve efforts in addressing child abuse and neglect in San Diego County.

“With thousands of young people in San Diego’s foster care system, the need for support is ever-present,” said Mike Barnett, Chief Executive Officer of Casa de Amparo. “Casa de Amparo is grateful for this grant from the Prebys Foundation, which will allow us to serve more children and young adults in need of help.”

Casa de Amparo will utilize the funds to bolster Casa de Amparo’s efforts to enable the youth in the Residential Services and New Directions programs to live bright, stable, and healthy futures. With this funding, Casa de Amparo will amplify trauma-informed care and services across programs and will strengthen the commitment to empowering and preparing the adolescents, and young adults for successful transitions to independent living.

The Prebys Foundation awarded Casa de Amparo the grant under the program area, “Youth Success: Economic Opportunity and Justice” to build critical learning and life skills. The grant will support San Diego youth, regardless of background and family circumstances, to increase opportunities to live a dignified, productive, and creative life.

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 and grants from community partners, Casa de Amparo has been helping San Diego’s abused and neglected children heal and grow since 1978.

For more information about Casa de Amparo, please visit www.casadeamparo.org.

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.

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