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## **Casa de Amparo Names Katherine Karpé, CFRE, as New CEO**

**San Marcos, Calif.** - (February 13, 2024) – [Casa de Amparo](#), a leading nonprofit in treating and preventing child abuse and neglect in San Diego County and beyond, announces it has selected Katherine Karpé, CFRE, as Chief Executive Officer, effective March 7, 2024. Karpé was selected by the Board of Directors following a nationwide search that attracted candidates from across the United States.

“Kathy is an accomplished administrator and leader. During her tenure, she and her team successfully secured funding for the construction of the Casa Kids Campus in San Marcos,” said Mike Barnett, Chief Executive Officer of Casa de Amparo. “She has led every strategic initiative Casa de Amparo has undertaken, and she has a proven track record of success. I am very confident in the Board’s decision.”

Karpé, who has been serving as Director of Development for Casa de Amparo since 2003, brings extensive experience to the position, encompassing program and policy development and implementation, fiscal responsibility, crisis leadership, and strategic fundraising initiatives.

“I am eager to lead the agency as we continue in our ongoing commitment of serving foster youth and young adults,” said Katherine Karpé. “The opportunity to establish and expand resources for the youth we serve is truly rewarding.”

Recently, Karpé led the establishment of the TrueCare and Lennar Foundation health center, a 600-square-foot healthcare facility situated on the San Marcos Casa Kids Campus. Recognizing the challenges foster youth face in accessing healthcare, the center provides a safe space for young women at Casa de Amparo, particularly who have suffered severe trauma, to receive comprehensive care, including women’s health and pediatric services.

Karpé also spearheaded the initiative to upgrade the Residential Services cottages, consisting of four housing units capable of housing 32 residents, making them safer and more comfortable for the residents. She engaged with community donors to secure contributions and furnishings for the cottage upgrades.

Karpe will replace Barnett, who is returning to retirement after serving two years as Casa de Amparo CEO. During his tenure, the administrative team was restructured, all outstanding debt was paid off, and the organization pivoted following massive changes in state regulations to continue serving its clients. Barnett will continue to contribute to the organization as a volunteer.

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

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