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La Posada Now 25 and Going Strong

Homelessness continues to be an issue throughout San Diego County with some experts reporting that the county ranks fourth in the nation for homeless population. The Friends of La Posada organization is pleased to support La Posada de Guadalupe as it represents one successful model of what can be done towards solving this problem.



La Posada Founders and Donors attended the Fall 2018 Annual Benefit Dinner honoring 25 years of growth. Pictured from left to right: Marsha Solomon, Kathy Wellman, Jim Wellman, Ursula Sweeney, Laura Scarpelli, Ed Scarpelli.

During 2018, La Posada continued to engage the Carlsbad community and open its doors to men ready to embrace a fresh start and helping hand.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Friends of La Posada was able to donate to Catholic Charities' La Posada Fund to run and maintain the shelter.

As a result, 385 residents received services during the fiscal year 2018. Most residents were between 25-64 years old. Forty-one percent had disabilities; while 8% were in the military/veteran category; 50% retained or increased their income while at La Posada; 39% moved to permanent or transitional housing and 7% went to a treatment facility.

Please Join Us!

Friends of La Posada invites you and your Guests

Open House

Tours of the shelter
Refreshments Coffee Tea
Social Mixer – Idea Exchange Centered
On La Posada Shelter.



May 4th 9:30-11:30 am
2476 Impala Dr • Carlsbad 92010

La Posada Annual Benefit Dinner

Dinner, entertainment, personal testimonials, success stories, opportunities to donate, fellowship with supporters



Thursday, September 26th
More details to follow

Friends of La Posada is a publication of a not-for-profit corporation. The primary mission of The Friends of La Posada is to raise money for the operation of the shelter, encourage community awareness of and participation in activities there and to serve as a liaison between the shelter and Carlsbad City Government. The facility is operated by Catholic Charities of San Diego with the support of Friends of La Posada and in cooperation with the city of Carlsbad.

To mark La Posada's 25th anniversary, Friends of La Posada stepped up its community engagement efforts and hosted a Spring Open House with refreshments, tours of the campus and a social hour.

The Friends of La Posada Newsletter highlighted the 25th Anniversary of the shelter with a historic review of the many steps taken.

The year was capped by a 25th Anniversary Dinner Benefit that was a great success! Entertainment, a champagne dinner, testimonials by former residents, a tribute to the shelter founders and opportunities to donate to La Posada created a special evening for everyone.



La Posada staff enjoying camaraderie at Annual Benefit Dinner. Pictured from left to right, Chef Joseph, Residential Tech Ruben Rojas, Case Manager Hector Hueso, Residential Tech Enrique Medina and Operations Supervisor Joaquin Blas.



In January I was honored to begin a term as President of the Board for the Friends of La Posada (FOLP). I thank Tom Maddox, who has been President for the past six years for his guidance and assistance in making my transition as smooth as possible.

Friends of La Posada has evolved to meet the needs of the men who seek refuge at Catholic Charities' La Posada de Guadalupe Men's Homeless Shelter in Carlsbad starting with an address.

During the last fiscal year 358 men were served at La Posada. Your donations to FOLP are used to support the case management plan created by the Catholic Charities social worker and the residents and provides activities to prepare them for returning to the workforce or getting the

health services that have been neglected due to homelessness. In addition to new shirts, haircuts, bus passes, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, motivational speakers and much more, FOLP is starting to provide "Welcome Home Baskets" for men moving into their own place. The cost of a basket is about \$50.00. Your past donations have changed many lives and we hope we can continue to count on you.

Mary Mazyck

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Carlsbad Kids and Teens Making A Difference At La Posada



Sage Creek High School Senior, Donovan, launched a recycling drive for La Posada.

During 2018 kids and teens made a difference at La Posada. More than five youth groups contributed their time and energy serving meals, performing yard work, answering phones, packing sack lunches and collecting sweatshirts and jackets.

One industrious teen at Sage Creek High School has launched a recycling drive in conjunction with his school's Genius Project. The program fosters community and career engagement with junior and senior students.

Donovan saw homeless people taking bottles and cans at Albertson's to collect recycling money, so he started collecting those from his house and high school and currently has close to \$1000.

His goal is to have \$1000 or more for the Genius Project Symposium at Sage Creek H.S. in June where he will give a 10 minute talk on his project and present the donation to Joaquin. Donovan has other ideas for outreach projects currently and wants to continue the recycling project at college next year.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Circle donation choice:

Individual **\$50**

Family **\$75**

Business/Organization **\$100**

Lifetime **\$500**

Other \$ _____

I am interested in:

_____ Serving on the FOLP Board

_____ Serving as receptionist:
call 760-929-2322

_____ Event Planning for residents

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Donations in any amount are welcome!



Ryder Grenz donating 67 jackets he collected during school jacket drive.

Ryder Grenz and Zoe Merz giving gifts to the residents at the Christmas dinner.



Albert Hwang, volunteer receptionist and shelter assistant, is planning a construction project for La Posada as part of his Eagle Scout Award.



Pacific Ridge students help with sack lunches and other kitchen tasks every month.



National Charity Youth serve dinners, bring dessert and make dinners throughout each month and help with yard maintenance.