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Mission
Casa de Esperanza de los Niños strives to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect for at-risk infants, children and their families, by providing comprehensive residential and family support programs that transform people and communities.

Vision
Every child deserves a home that provides safety, health, permanence and hope.

Core Values
BELONGING: Few things are more damaging to a child than not being wanted. It is important for children to know they belong.
SAFETY: We establish and sustain safety through a positive environment, which is vital to a child’s mental, physical, and emotional health, development and education.
RELATIONSHIPS: By forming strong relationships, generational change and healing are possible.
PERMANENCE: Children who have been abused, neglected, traumatized, homeless, hungry or affected by HIV reach their fullest potential when they are part of a stable and supportive family.
COMMUNITY: Casa de Esperanza’s greatest resources are our relationships with volunteers, donors, volunteer foster families, adoptive families, Hands of Hope interns, and staff who open their hearts and change their lives to support the children and families we serve.
EDUCATION: We are committed to inspire and teach our community and future generations the value of protecting the most vulnerable.
SUPPORT: Services are provided at no cost to our families, through the generosity of our supporters, and without government funding.

“I would encourage others to volunteer at Casa because all you need is an open heart, open arms, and some love to share. I guarantee you will receive more than you give. I leave each week inspired and with a full heart.” – A CASA DE ESPERANZA VOLUNTEER
Dear Friends and Supporters

As we reviewed the impact of Casa de Esperanza’s program services for 2018 and looked forward to 2019, one statement came to mind: **THE STRENGTH OF RELATIONSHIPS.**

We value and respect our relationships with the biological parents who entrust us with the care of their children in our Residential Program. Many of these parents were childhood victims of abuse or neglect, and have experienced domestic violence, substance abuse and homelessness as adults. The sense of belonging we foster and the trust we strive to develop are essential in assisting the parents to obtain the necessary support, so their children might be able to be reunited with them in a safe environment. Our relationship with them continues long past the child being in our Residential Program, as we look forward to working with these families in our Aftercare and Outreach Program.

We are thankful for our relationships with the volunteer community foster families and adoptive families that have formed bonds with the children in their care. They opened their hearts and changed their lives to support the children we serve, and love and protect children that have experienced early childhood trauma and abuse. We are committed to continue our relationships with these families and support the children into adulthood.

Our Hands of Hope Interns, recent college graduates that come to Casa de Esperanza for a year of service, care for the children and develop relationships with them, community volunteers and each other. They are an example of the talent of their generation and go on to serve in fields including medicine, psychology, education, law, and social work. We are honored to witness their determination and commitment to protect the most vulnerable in their own communities.

Finally, we are sincerely thankful for the relationships that have been developed with many corporations, private foundations, religious organizations and individuals that support Casa de Esperanza as donors and volunteers. Through your generosity, we are able to continue to provide our program services at no cost to the families and without government funding. Thank you for your commitment to the children and families we serve. We are forever grateful for the STRENGTH OF OUR RELATIONSHIP with each of you, and we invite you to visit and bring a friend to learn more about Casa de Esperanza.

With Sincere Appreciation,

SHELLEY STARR  THOMAS W. McGEE  
Executive Director  Governing Board President
PROGRAMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Residential Program provides a safe home for infants and young children at-risk due to abuse, neglect or the effects of HIV. Using a trauma-informed approach, Casa de Esperanza coordinates comprehensive services while caring for children in ten homes in the Casa de Esperanza neighborhood and 28 volunteer Community Foster Homes.

Parent Support Program provides a caseworker to assist parents of the children in placement to obtain services that will allow the parents to provide a safe home for their children. The birth parents are often products of the foster care system themselves and struggle with domestic violence, addiction, homelessness and lack of education.

- 89 Children received 12,354 Days of Care, including 44 new intakes.
- Birth families of 43 children established safe homes for their children.
- Permanency was established within one year of placement for 89.5% of children in voluntary placement and for 22% of children in CPS custody.

- 252 children and their families received services through the Residential Program.
- 53 community foster parents in 28 community homes were active in 2018. This included five newly licensed foster homes.
- 46 Hands of Hope interns provided service in 2018, including 24 new interns.
- 18 birth parents obtained their high school diploma during their child’s placement.
- 23 birth parents initiated mental health treatment and 19 initiated treatment for substance abuse.
- 66 children were discharged:
  - 65% to biological family members or other kinship placement.
  - 14% to adoption.
  - 21% to Children’s Protective Services or other agencies.
- All children aged two or over in the Casa de Esperanza neighborhood participated in school readiness activities.
- 100% of the children in placement for at least seven weeks made progress towards their school readiness goals.
- 100% of the children were brought up-to-date on medical care including immunizations.
- 100% of the children made progress toward meeting age-appropriate developmental milestones.
The Aftercare and Outreach Program supports families during a child’s transition from placement at Casa de Esperanza back to his/her home and monitors the family reunification process for as long as is necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of the child. For families facing a crisis, this program also provides services to address needs before they escalate to the point of needing foster care.

| 87% of Aftercare families had stable housing. 75% of families maintained stable housing for at least six months post discharge. | 74 families with 150 children and 85 adults received Aftercare services. | 554 home visits were made to Aftercare families. 70 families were assisted with basic needs including food, clothing and diapers. |

Adoption Services are provided when family reunification is inappropriate or impossible. THE POST-ADOPTION PROGRAM provides educational support, referrals for services and training for our adoptive families.

- Nine children were adopted. 78% were older than two at the time of their adoption.
- 224 adoptive families with 380 children received services and support through the Post-Adoption program.
- Eight adoptees received post-secondary support through Casa Scholarship Program.

The Children’s Developmental Program facilitates psychological and developmental services for children who are or have been in placement at Casa de Esperanza. Services are also available to their birth, foster and adoptive families. In addition, Casa de Esperanza’s psychologists provide extensive training for staff and foster and adoptive families in meeting the special needs of children in their care.

- 2,423 consultations with 140 clients were completed.
- 86 developmental evaluations were completed.
- 24 evaluations for physical, occupational and speech therapy were provided. 29 children received therapy.
- 20 home visits were made for licensing of foster and adoptive homes.
- Six visits were made to schools for client advocacy.

Christina was 18 months old when she was placed at Casa de Esperanza. She was unable to be with her father because he was not a safe caregiver, and her mother, Tracy, was doing drugs. Immediately after Christina was placed in a safe foster home in the Casa de Esperanza neighborhood, Tracy took the lead on starting her recovery, saying that Christina was her motivation. Tracy worked hard on completing her needed therapy and never missed a visit with her daughter. During her time at Casa de Esperanza, Christina blossomed. When she arrived at Casa de Esperanza, Christina did not speak at all. She left Casa de Esperanza speaking full sentences. Christina stayed at Casa de Esperanza for six months, returning home just in time for the holidays. Tracey now has a job and housing, and works hard to provide for herself and her daughter. Tracy and Christina continue to receive support through Casa de Esperanza’s Aftercare program.
HANDS OF HOPE INTERNS

Casa de Esperanza’s Hands of Hope internship program provides recent college graduates first-hand experience caring for medically and emotionally fragile children.

Ensuring the safety of the children in placement and meeting their emotional and developmental needs are the primary responsibilities of the Hands of Hope Interns. Almost all children arrive having experienced trauma, neglect or chaos in their short lives. Their need for safety, stability, and reassurance is immediate and often intense. The children require a great deal of time, energy and emotional resources, and Interns receive extensive training prior to beginning their work as well as during the year.

Hands of Hope Interns commit one year to live and work with these vulnerable children in the Residential Program’s agency foster homes. Hands of Hope Interns provide daily care of the children, household management, and the coordination of medical appointments and therapy sessions. The Hands of Hope Interns also work with caseworkers, psychological staff and community volunteers on a routine basis to ensure that the children in placement receive the highest quality of care.

46 Hands of Hope Interns, including 24 new interns, provided service in 2018.

In 2018, Casa de Esperanza conducted a survey of former Hands of Hope Interns. Among the findings:
• Since leaving Casa de Esperanza 42% pursued a Master’s Degree and 4% pursued a Doctoral Degree.
• 21 former interns have adopted 36 children.
• 69% volunteer in their community.
• 40% of Casa de Esperanza’s full-time staff are former Hands of Hope Interns.

Current Occupations of Former Hands of Hope Interns

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“My favorite thing about Casa de Esperanza was being able to watch love heal the hurt in the children's hearts.”
– MCKAYLA, Former Hands of Hope Intern

“My year as a foster parent at Casa de Esperanza changed the whole trajectory of my career. I earned a degree in Music and the Entertainment Industries and was planning on continuing in that field. However, working at Casa de Esperanza as a foster parent completely changed my life. It gave me a new passion for adoption and orphan care, and it led me to a job at a nonprofit that focuses on caring for orphans across the globe. Caring for the children at Casa de Esperanza was the best year of my life.”
– RACHEL, Former Hands of Hope Intern
Characteristics of the Children

![Bar chart showing children's ethnicity: 43% African American, 26% Multiracial, 19% Hispanic, 11% Caucasian, 1% Asian.]

Birth Parent Characteristics

- Single Parent
- No High School Diploma
- Homeless
- Mental Illness
- Criminal Record
- Substance Abuse
- Unemployed
- In foster care as children

Children’s Ages at Admission

- 38% Under 6 months of age
- 29% 6-12 months of age
- 24% 1-2 years of age
- 14% 2-4 years of age
- 10% 4-6 years of age
- 8% Over the age of 6
- 1% Over the age of 6
“I feel so lucky to be able to be just a small part of the Casa family. The quality of care that Casa provides is top notch. I have witnessed the impact of the love and holistic care that the children receive while at Casa. It is hard, life altering and important work.”

– A CASA DE ESPERANZA VOLUNTEER

### 2018 Financial Information

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| Cash | $1,872,400 |
| Total Assets | $5,692,200 |

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### 2018 Revenue Sources

- **27%** Individuals
- **21%** Foundations & Grants
- **11%** Governing Board
- **22%** Events
- **12%** Institutions & Corporations
- **6%** Endowment
- **2%** Churches & Religious Organizations

### Program Expenses

- **70%** Casa de Esperanza Neighborhood
- **12%** Fundraising & Development
- **8%** Administration
- **80%** Programs
- **9%** Foster Care
- **5%** Birth Parent Assistance
- **5%** Adoption
- **4%** After Care
- **2%** Post Adoption
- **5%** Child Development Program

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Casa gives each child who enters its doors what all children deserve from the minute they enter this world: safety and connection. To be a tiny part of such a huge impact on a life is humbling and amazing. There is no greater feeling than making a child smile.

– A CASA DE ESPERANZA VOLUNTEER
For the past two years, Anna and Robert have cared for five-year-old Louisa* through Casa de Esperanza’s volunteer Community Foster Care program. Anna and Robert feel that their experience parenting Louisa has brought them closer together as they have learned how to care for a child who has experienced significant trauma. Together and separately, both Anna and Robert have demonstrated incredible commitment to Louisa’s care and journey to healing. They divide parenting responsibilities equally to ensure that Louisa has copious amounts of individual attention from each of them. “It’s awesome to do this together with Anna,” Robert says. “It’s an honor. It’s a privilege. It’s a joy. It’s hard. It’s fulfilling.”

During the last two years, the family has grown to love Louisa more and more. Although they feel compassion for the biological family and the circumstances that necessitated her placement, Anna and Robert are overjoyed that they have the opportunity to care for Louisa and keep her safe. Anna says, “She seems more peaceful now. She seems at ease. She has a better sense of self and she is not always trying to please people.” Robert adds, “She has shone a light on our life. She is hilarious and creative and fun. It’s really wonderful.”

*Names have been changed
“Most adults can recall or tell a story about someone from their childhood who made a positive impact on them. I can only hope that I am that person for at least one of these kids!”

– A CASA DE ESPERANZA VOLUNTEER