Greetings!

Some might call July the "dog days of summer," but at Casa de Esperanza, we're beating the heat with water play, cool play dates, orienting a new group of Hands of Hope Interns, and preparing for a busy fall!

It's hard to believe that half of 2019 is gone already! This is an excellent time for us to reflect on the first half of 2019 and give thanks for the generosity of so many in our community. Below, you will find an update on some of our key accomplishments, metrics, and programs.

The exercise of reviewing our impact on children and families helps us stay true to our mission - to end 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. It also helps us plan as we move forward, and is a great reminder of the many ways our volunteers, donors, friends, and community help us keep children safe and give families hope for a better future.

We invite you to visit our neighborhood this summer. A visit is a great way to learn more about Casa de Esperanza and see first-hand how your generosity is
impacting children and families. Please contact us to set up your visit!

Finally, make sure you take time to read our Summer Newsletter, hot off the presses, packed with a lot of additional news and information about Casa de Esperanza!

We are ever grateful for the many ways you support the work of Casa de Esperanza. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Shelley M. Starr
Executive Director

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**Mission Moment**

Children and families look to Casa de Esperanza to help break the cycle of child abuse and neglect. Through programs that provide safety, resources, relationships and hope, families are restored and children have a chance at a better life.

Over the next few months, you'll hear about one such family who came to Casa de Esperanza in crisis and received residential, case management, community foster care, and aftercare services.

Tom, Ann and their 9 month old daughter Kaylee were homeless; Tom was a Veteran, and Ann struggled with substance abuse and mental and physical illnesses. Casa de Esperanza quickly placed Kaylee in a Casa de Esperanza neighborhood foster home where she was safe and cared for by loving Hands of Hope Interns. Over the next two years, the Casa de Esperanza team formed relationships with all three, working extensively with the family to prepare them for reunification and a brighter future.

**Tom, Ann and Kaylee have hope for the future because so many people cared!** Casa de Esperanza's programs, **with your generosity**, provide safety, case management, and ongoing family support.

Never doubt that your gifts of time, treasure and talent make a profound difference in the lives of children and families!

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**Mid-Year Update**

At Casa de Esperanza, our work never stops as we focus our efforts on keeping children safe and providing their families with comprehensive support services. Strong relationships and community support makes this work possible, and we truly value each of those relationships.

**Your support has an immediate impact on the children and families we**
serve. As of June 30:

- **3,174** days of care provided to children in need of a safe home
- **8 months** - average length of stay of a child in our neighborhood
- **22** - new Hands of Hope Interns providing daily care and love to our kids
- **2,479** - hours of training for new Hands of Hope Interns
- **38** - new children admitted to the Casa de Esperanza neighborhood
- **63** - total number of children in care to date
- **463** - number of child healthcare visits and consultations
- **72** - birth parents receiving services
- **29** - licensed community foster homes
- **105** - hours of training for community foster families

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### Have a Heart!

Ever wonder how you can help Casa de Esperanza provide a safe home for children experiencing abuse or neglect? One of the easiest ways is to become a Hearts of Hope Monthly Donor! For a monthly gift of $25 (that’s only $300/year), you can provide milk or formula for one child each month!

Setting up your monthly gift is easy to do! Just visit our [website](#) and become a Hearts of Hope donor today!

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### Thank You to Our June Group Volunteers!

Thank you to the following groups for coming to Casa de Esperanza and interacting with our children, bringing meals, or benefiting our organization through other efforts. Your generous gifts of time, treasure and talent ensure that children are safe and their families receive the help and hope they need for a better future!

- Arnold and Itkin LLP
- Baylor College of Medicine
- Casa de Esperanza Young Professionals Group
- Citgo
- m Strategic Partners
- McGriff Insurance Company
- McGovern Joint Admission Medical Program
- National Charity League Memorial Chapter
- Pasadena SDA Church
- Pondicheri
- Prelude Music Foundation
- Texas Mutual Insurance
Save The Date!

SAVE THE DATE
RUN HOUSTON! U OF H
SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Support Casa de Esperanza by racing for a cause!
To join the Casa de Esperanza team and for more information, visit:
my.reason2race.com/cause/CasaDeEsperanza/RunHoustonUofH2019

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

What: m Strategic Partners’ annual Cars & Clays Sporting Clay Shoot
Where: Westside Sporting Grounds
Benefiting: Casa de Esperanza de los Niños
More info at: www.carsandclays.com
Early registration is open!

Ways to Help

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Thank you to our first underwriter and sponsors!

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