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La Posada clients receive their "Journey Essentials" backpacks.



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UTPA Intern Holds Online Fundraiser for La Posada

For La Posada clients, who arrive at our shelter with nothing but the clothes on their back, a simple backpack is often times filled with not just necessities, but their hopes and dreams.



Anita Garcia.

Anita Garcia, a masters-level social work student from UTPA, recently started interning with La Posada. But before her internship had even begun,Anita already had a goal to give clients the most help she could.

This past summer, armed with her social media skills, Anita started an online fundraiser to purchase backpacks with goodies for all the clients.

"Individuals and families often arrive at La Posada, after being detained and processed, with very few possessions, limited or no English and no friends or family to help them," Anita said in her Go Fund Me page. "I have decided to embark on an effort to raise money for what I call 'Journey Essentials.' Similar to 'Operation Backpack' started by the YMCA, I'm hoping to collect enough funds to prepare as many essential kits as possible and donate them to La Posada Providencia this coming Fall/Winter."

Recently, after raising more than $600, Anita arrived at La Posada to distribute the backpacks to the clients. The bags were filled with toiletries for both men and women and other essential

women and children served by the shelter.

The event will take place Saturday, February 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center of Texas State Technical College in Harlingen, TX.

Tickets are $35 per person in advance and $40 at the door.

You may purchase your tickets by contacting La Posada at 956-399-3826 or emailing agonzalez@lppshelter.org. You can also purchase your tickets online by clicking here.

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items migrants may need as they continue on in the journey to their next destination.

In addition, the UTPA Social Work Student Association (SWSA) helped Anita purchase items for the bags.

"The clients were so humbly grateful for their backpacks and essential toiletries," Anita said. "It really is great to give back and what makes it all worth while are the smiles."

La Posada would like to thank Anita, the UTPA Social Work Student Association, and all who donated to her cause for welcoming the strange and making a difference in the lives of our clients.

Present Client Census: 25

Women: 1-Ethiopia, 1-Cuban 2-Eritrea
Children: 3-Ethiopia, 2-Cuba
Men: 2-Honduras, 3-Ethiopia, 6-Eritrea, 5-Cuba

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