



Together, we can be Champions for a New Beginning

The lower Rio Grande Valley has been a major thoroughfare for indigent immigrants and asylum seekers. More recently, it has become ground zero for an unprecedented influx of unaccompanied minors and women with children. La Posada has felt the full brunt of this humanitarian crisis in terms of increased numbers of women with children whom immigration officials have asked us to assist for short-term shelter services.

Today, we invite you to stand up to the challenge of supporting Champions for a New Beginning. A Champion is an individual who supports the mission and purpose of La Posada by pledging to raise \$1,000 for La Posada Providencia's work to meet the needs of the hundreds of homeless migrants it serves. Champions will have from June 25 to October 11 to meet their fundraising goal. With your help, we can build a New Beginning for our traditional clients, the asylum seeker, giving allegiance to the gospel mandate to "Welcome the stranger."



La Posada Program Director Sister Zita Telkamp, CDP, and a young client.



About La Posada Providencia

La Posada Providencia is a 24/7 emergency homeless shelter for immigrants, asylum seekers and asylees located in San Benito, Texas. Clients are referred to us by immigration attorneys and U.S. Immigration officials and stay at La Posada as their cases are adjudicated before the U.S. Immigration Court. Lengths of stay vary and are case-specific. Our clients have been oppressed in political conflicts, displaced after a natural disaster, or persecuted by life-threatening actions. Many have endured severe hardships, including extreme poverty, unjust imprisonment, even torture. They are destitute, with minimal possessions and no money.

La Posada's shelter program offers immediate and tangible support in the form of food, shelter, clothing, medical supplies and care. Shelter programming also provides for individualized case management which includes needs assessment, goal-setting and facilitation of services to meet identified needs. Examples of supportive services include local



transportation to off-site agencies (health care, legal-aid and social services), access to on-site communication resources, paperwork/translation assistance, English literacy, employment preparation, and life-skills education.

The shelter's purpose is to respond to the unmet needs of indigent immigrants and asylum seekers. These needs represent major gaps in the provisioning of important resettlement services such as: lack of emergency housing with supportive services; inadequate options for employment preparation, lack of accessible intensive English classes and life-skills education, inadequate local public transportation, and lack of access to social services and urgent health care until legal status is resolved. Although the largely rural lower Rio Grande Valley is a major thoroughfare for recent immigrants and asylum seekers, no cohesive local support network for this population exists. Fortunately, La Posada continues to fulfill its purpose by responding to the needs of the vulnerable immigrant population.



CHAMPIONS FOR A NEW BEGINNING DONATION FORM

SUBMISSION INFO

Return this form to your Champions contact or mail to:

La Posada Providencia
Attn: Alma Gonzalez
30094 Marydale Road
San Benito, TX 78586

For more information:
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956-399-3826
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I/We want to support *La Posada Providencia* with a donation of: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Champion: _____

Please make checks payable to *La Posada Providencia*.

Donate online at www.LPPshelter.org/champions

La Posada is a nonprofit organization, sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence.

Champions For a New Beginning Timeline

- **June 25:** Champions for a New Beginning Kick-off
- **August 28:** “Rescuing Regina,” book presentation by author School Sister of Notre Dame Josephe Marie Flynn, who will detail her battle to save a friend from deportation and death. Commentary to follow from local ProBAR attorney

Venue: Cultural Arts Center, 576 ‘76 Drive, Harlingen

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Tickets price: \$5

Coffee and cookies reception/book signing

- **September 12:** Deadline for individuals to sign up as Champions
- **October 11:** Deadline for Champions to turn in donations
- **TBD:** Champions for a New Beginning Gala

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