



## La Posada Providencia

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### Fact Sheet

#### Mission

La Posada Providencia, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, is a ministry for people in crisis from around the world who are seeking legal refuge in this country. The shelter staff provides a safe and welcoming home, mentors to promote self-sufficiency, cultural integration, and imparts values, which witness God's Providence in our world.

#### History

- Founded in 1989, in Harlingen, Texas, by the Sisters of Divine Providence.
- Settled into its permanent address in San Benito, Texas, in 1995.

#### Target population

- Homeless men, women and families who have fled to the U.S. from countries with oppressive regimes, famine, or natural disaster and are in the legal process of seeking asylum or other legal residency. Includes expectant mothers referred by the Bureau of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement as an alternative to detention.
- Since 1989, more than 11,000 people representing more than 87 countries worldwide.
- Clients served arrive from countries as close as those in Central America and as far away as Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia.

#### Purpose

- To provide 24/7 emergency shelter and support for homeless immigrants and asylum seekers as these individuals proceed through their legal cases.
- To effect positive resettlement outcomes.

#### Services Provided

- Shelter, food, clothing and needed supplies 24-hours a day, 365 days a year
- Case management with an individualized resettlement plan for each client that includes:
  - access to legal aid, health care, social services and relocation assistance
  - classroom and self-paced language instruction
  - cultural integration by assisting with communications, paperwork, dealing with government agencies, medical offices and businesses
  - life-skills instruction in financial basics, health and nutrition, employment readiness, and achieving a self-sustainable lifestyle.
- La Posada services are rendered at no cost.
- Capacity is up to 25 clients per day. Client lengths of stay vary and are case specific.

#### Noteworthy

- La Posada Providencia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency incorporated in Texas.
- Strong relationships established with more than 30 local agencies, organizations and professionals; including but not limited to homeless service providers, immigration attorneys, social service agencies and healthcare professionals.
- Established volunteer base comprised of members from the local community as well as groups and organizations from across the United States.
- Services to the community will continue in compliance with Federal and State laws.