







Annual Report 2022-2023

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From the Director

“A Season of Change”



Change, for most of us, can present itself in many forms and is often associated with progress, rebuilding, new beginnings, and the future, to name a few. It is often also associated with flexibility, the unknown, and unforeseen challenges that we may face at any given time. The 2022-2023 year has been, “A Season of Change”. The word of The Lord explains it best in Isaiah 43:19, “Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.” Although we have faced many changes, ie; political, border policies, staff, etc., we continue to witness the Lord’s daily work as He makes “a way”.

Shortly after joining this wonderful organization in January 2023, I quickly realized the amazing and powerful work of La Posada Providencia for the migrant population flowing through our lovely home and for the community in which we reside. We have seen many exciting victories in the lives of our residents; celebrating families being reunited, residents receiving their work visas, moving them one step closer to self-sufficiency. We have celebrated the high school graduation of one young man and his acceptance into college, and another being awarded his business license and becoming an established business owner in the construction industry. The Lord’s faithfulness endures and He is doing mighty things in the lives of those at La Posada Providencia.

Furthermore, we have also witnessed the erection of four new buildings, volunteers, donors, grants, local support, and a growing community engagement; all of which encourage and motivate the ministry of service ahead of us each new day. We humbly acknowledge that we at La Posada Providencia are blessed to have this calling from The Lord and to have you coming alongside us.

We Thank You for your support, encouragement, and prayers, and please know that it is only because of individuals like yourselves that La Posada Providencia can continue to serve our migrant brothers and sisters from around the world.

With a heart of gratitude,

Benjamin Deuel
Executive Director.

2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

A year of great changes and new beginnings

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

As I look over all the wonderful and miraculous happenings that have taken place this year at La Posada Providencia, I notice that it has all been accompanied with this change. Change, uncomfortable at times, is wonderfully tied with new beginnings. This change has shown itself in many forms of which we celebrate as the change this past year as a push forward into the future. We have embraced new buildings, new executive leadership, new department heads, and several wonderful people progressing into the next steps in their journey. These journeys are why we started in the first place; to aid our brothers and sisters and make a difference and positive change in their lives. Seeing these changes thrusts us forward, to go above and beyond in our services for mankind.

NEW BUILDINGS

Our new buildings were dedicated in April of 2023. They span over nearly 10,000 square feet and consist of a new community center building and 3 dormitories. Our community center provides spaces for our feeding program, educational classes, recreational activities, case management, healthcare services, legal aid, and administration, and community partnerships. It also serves as a shelter space for the community should times of disaster come. Each dormitory will contain a minimum of 16 beds, giving us an additional 48 beds. These new facilities will carry our mission well into the future as we continue to serve the unhoused non-citizen migrant population.

CHANGE

Change has also shown itself this year in terms of our leadership. We have a new executive director, a new operations manager, a new case manager, and a great team of like-minded individuals who are willing and ready to serve all who walk through our doors. These individuals represent over 70 years of leadership experience, and I can humbly share with you that we are here, serving on the front lines with compassionate hearts and excitement for the futures of our brothers and sisters from around the world.



WE CELEBRATE THE
PAST YEAR AND
LOOK FORWARD TO
THE NEW THINGS
TO COME



Program

The 2022-2023 service year for La Posada has provided 1061 individuals seeking refuge. Of these, 1008 adults and 53 children come from 25 different countries and 53% of those being young adults aged from 19-24.

Short-term

Of the men, women, and children, 1047 of them were short-term stays of less than 30 days. Short term residents receive quick case management where they are provided resources to prepare them for travel and education on the risks many migrants face such as exploitation

Long-term

Our long-term residents, which come to a total of 14 for the year, are staying 30 days or more and receive intense case management, including set action goals, extended education, legal assistance, medical/dental and mental health aid if needed, financial planning, and job readiness.

Case Management and Long-term Thinking

This intense case management is to aide our residents, whether long-term or short term, with the much-needed resources, education, and case management. This has allowed us the ability to see a good number of our residents move into permanent housing, obtain work visas, graduate high school, attend college, and much more. As we continue to prepare for an influx, our staff maintains out resources to best suit the needs of our residents, whether current or future. We are sincerely appreciative of your support.

La Posada Providencia provides essential services for the community to shelter and support the long-term stays for immigrants and asylum seekers as they proceed on their resettlement journey. We are the only shelter with this capability for the population we serve in the Lower Rio Grande Valley



2022-2023 Highlights



1061 TOTAL HOUSED

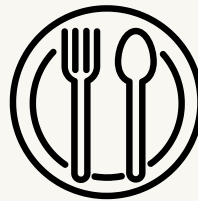
Adults - 1008

Young Adults - 563

Children - 53

Families - 43

Support Services



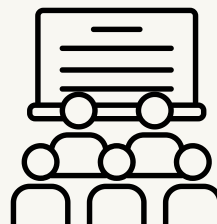
16,977 meals were served



918 miles were driven



60 medical appointments attended



Over 1,300 hours of ESL/Life-Skills taught



COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

Nicaraguga	245
Guatemala	215
Honduras	166
Cuba	114
Venezuela	97
Colombia	55
El Salvador	44
Ecuador	25
Mexico	25
Peru	21
Dominican Republic	19
Haiti	13
USA	9
Brazil	2
Afghanistan	1
Beirut	1
Bolivia	1
Cameroon	1
China	1
India	1
Nepal	1
Panama	1
Russia	1
Somalia	1
Yemen	1

OUR IMPACT

For short-term clients

100% of clients are enrolled in ESL classes.

80% of clients advanced their conversational English skills.

80% of clients were successful in achieving self-sufficiency.

90% of clients learned about US currency.

For long-term clients

80% of clients acquired basic knowledge of US geography and social and economic skills.

Life-skill classes were implemented such as:

- Smart shopping
- How to budget for bills
- Paying rent
- Quality vs quantity

Total countries of origin: 25



Volunteers

In Fiscal Year 2022-2023, we had over 600 volunteers with over 11,000 cumulative volunteer hours. We participated in university events to recruit volunteers, which resulted in us becoming a volunteer hub for those students who require hours for certain university courses.

We had many large groups, particularly in the summer when most schools give their summer break. One group built an obstacle course for the kids at La Posada who were on summer break. Another group implemented and built soccer goals on our vast grounds.

We kept our volunteer hours at a steady level throughout the entire fiscal year while the need for volunteerism still remains high. We actively seek out volunteers from the local community and out of state.



COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS, SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

- South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR) - legal services to La Posada clients seeking asylum
- Loaves & Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley - partner for homeless services
- Food Bank of the Lower Rio Grande Valley - discounted food
- Family Crisis Center, Inc. - counseling services
- Diocese of Brownsville - support
- United Methodist Church of San Benito - wellness checks
- ARISE - personal development and leadership
- CARA and RAICES - San Antonio - assist with immigration releases from detention
- St. Theresa Catholic Church, San Benito, TX - support
- St. Benedict Catholic Church, San Benito, TX - support
- Iglesia Cristiana Ebenezer - support
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- St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Harlingen, TX - support
- Mary, Mother of the Church, Brownsville, TX - support
- St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Parish, Chicago, IL - Support
- Hope Family Health Center - group counseling
- Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights, Harlingen, TX - refer clients
- Angry Tias and Abuelas of RGV, Brownsville, TX - support
- Greyhound Bus Station, Harlingen, TX - client travel
- Ozanam Center, Brownsville, TX - shelter
- Friendship of Women, Brownsville, TX - shelter
- Good Neighbor Settlement House, Brownsville, TX - shelter
- United Way of Brownsville, TX - ESG Compliance
- Cameron County Coalition, Cameron County, TX - ESG Compliance
- American Red Cross, Washington, D.C. - paid cellphone for international calls
- Catholic Charities Respite Center, McAllen, TX - shelter
- Interfaith Welcome Coalition - Service
- Trinity on the Border - Service
- Church World Service - Service
- The Children's Center - Service
- UNICEF - Service
- UNHRC (United National High Commissioner For Refugees) - Service
- Tropical of Texas Behavioral Health Services - Service
- Refugee Services of Texas - Service
- Texas Homeless Network - Support & Service
- Brownsville Bus Station - Service
- Express Travel Agency - Service



FINANCIALS

2021-2022
(2022-2023 update coming soon)

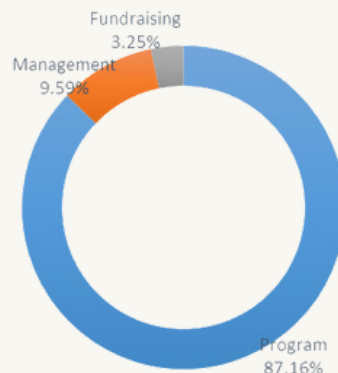
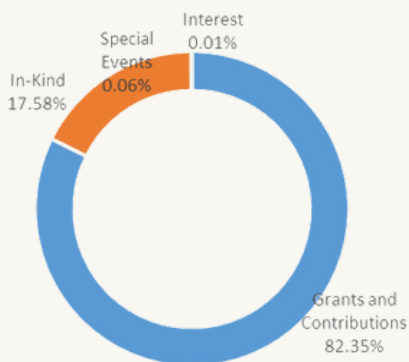
Revenue

Grants and Contributions	\$873,191.00
In-Kind	\$186,423.00
Special Events	\$650.00
Interest	\$113.00
Total Revenue	\$1,060,377.00

Expenditures

Program	\$854,892.00
Management	\$94,110.00
Fundraising	\$31,840.00
Total Expenditures	\$980,842.00

Change in Net Assets	\$71,535.00
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$1,276,533
Net Assets, End of Year	\$1,348,068.00



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