



Crisis House Connector

January 2019 Newsletter



**PROJECT
HOMELESS
CONNECT**

Save the Date!

Project Homeless Connect - East County will be on April 12th from 10 AM to 2:00 PM at the Ronald Reagan Community Center in El Cajon. Volunteer check-in is at 8:00 AM.

If you would like to sign-up to volunteer please contact Alissa Torres at alissa@crisis.org.

Crisis House thanks [Grossmont Healthcare District](#) for helping to make this event possible for the sixth year in a row.

To learn more about Project Homeless connect [click here](#).

New Year, New Crisis House!

Lori Saldate, MSW

Lori has been promoted to our Director of Programs! For those of you who don't know Lori, she was born and raised in Fresno, CA and wanting an adventure; she went to UC Santa Cruz and received her Bachelors in



Anthropology. In 2007, she moved to sunny San Diego to live with her sister. Lori began working in social services at Father Joe's. She was with the organization for six years before taking a break to focus on continuing her education. Lori got her Masters in Social Work with an emphasis in Community Organization and Business Innovation at USC. Lori started at Crisis House as an Administration Intern working closely with our Executive Director, Mary Case. She then accepted a job offer as our Domestic Violence Assessment Coordinator. We asked her to consider an opportunity as the Director of Programs and she accepted!

Lori has been with her partner for ten years, and they have two beautiful girls together. In her free time, she likes to run and spend time with her family.

We are so glad to have Lori back at Crisis House!



Pat Zamora, MA

Pat is moving to Trauma-Informed Counselor position! For those of you who don't know Pat, Pat was the Director of Programs and has been with our organization for six years. Pat wanted to get back to working more directly with clients. She was offered the position of our Domestic Violence Counselor and jumped at the opportunity.

Before coming to Crisis House, Pat worked with the San Diego Housing Commission for twenty years. We rely on Pat every day for her experience and sage advice.

Fun fact: Pat has been married to her husband, Jesus for 50 years this February!

Samantha Cabral

Samantha joins the Crisis House team as the Domestic Violence Advocate for our Safe Journey Program. Samantha was born and raised in San Diego and is smart enough never to want to leave the SoCal sunshine! She is currently working on her Bachelor's in Sociology at National University. Before coming to Crisis House, she was working with clients in Permanent Supportive Housing. Samantha has been



with her husband for eight years and has three beautiful children. In her spare time, she loves spending quality time with her family.



Barbara Ramos, MS

Barbara is our new Domestic Violence Assessment Coordinator for all our DV programs. She was born in Canton, Ohio, and raised in New Bedford, Massachusetts (near Boston). Barbara moved to San Diego in the late '70s. She received her Associate's Degree in Behavioral Sciences in Chemical Dependency, her Bachelors of Social Work at SDSU and her Masters in Community Psychology and Human Services at Springfield College in Los Angeles. While in LA, Barbara worked with survivors of domestic violence at 1736 Family Crisis Center and Jewish Family Services of

Los Angeles. She moved back to San Diego to be with her immediate family. She has worked at Father Joe's for the last the ten years. Barbara is married to her loving husband and has four girls, five grandchildren, and a dog that she adores. Her experience with those experiencing homelessness and survivors of domestic violence make her a great asset to our team.



Anastacia Mesa, BSW

Stacy joins the Crisis House team as a Domestic Violence Advocate and Emergency Housing Coordinator for our Journey On Program. She was born and raised in Guam. She moved to San Diego in October 2018. She comes to us with many years of experience working on the island. Stacy received both her Bachelors and Masters in Social Work from the University of Guam. Before moving to San Diego, Stacy was working as a social worker at Guam Memorial Hospital. Stacy is an avid crafter, loves watching movies, and spending time with her partner and family.

Bernadette Jordan, MA

Bernie is our new Domestic Violence Case Aide. She



was born in Chile and raised in Albany, New York. She has Bachelors in Sociology with a minor in Latino Studies from the University of Notre Dame and a Masters in Social Innovation from the University of San Diego. Before moving to San Diego for her Masters, Bernie felt a call to serve and was an Augustinian Volunteer where she worked for HELP of Ojai. HELP is a resource center for those experiencing homelessness in the City of Ojai. In her spare time, Bernie likes going to the beach, going on hikes, and relaxing in hammocks.



Esther Butrus

Esther Butrus is joining Crisis House as a Case Aid and on-staff Farsi speaker. Esther is currently attending San Diego State University, pursuing a BA in Social Work. She looks forward to graduating by May of 2020.

Esther enjoys being with family and close friends. She is very passionate about cooking and loves the process of researching new recipes. She connect's this love to her passion for exploring cultures.

خوش آمدید، استر (Welcome, Esther!)



Walter Vaughan Fraser

Walter was born on Tuesday, November 27, 2019, to our Development Director, Catherine Fraser and her husband, Ryan. He weighed 8lbs 2 oz. Walt enjoys tummy time, the hairdryer, and walking the dog. He is the youngest member of the Crisis House Family!

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