



# ***The Crisis House Connector***

## **July 2022 Newsletter**

Greetings!

We are thrilled to share the inspiring stories and news from the past month with you! We are endlessly grateful for your support in our dedicated efforts to assist our San Diego community!

### **Resilience & Combined Efforts Help a Family off the Streets**



#### ***Homeless Outreach Team Helps Couple Off the Streets!***

For more than five years, the streets of El Cajon were this couple's home. A work-related shoulder injury left the husband unable to work, which led to them being displaced from the apartment they had called home for nine years. Not having the means or resources to fight eviction, our client and his wife took what they could and moved into their van that they would call home for five years. These factors, compounded by the unexpected death of their son, made it a very challenging time for these two.

They had been staying in a cul-de-sac when they were approached by the H.A.R.T. (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) in April 2021. The Crisis

House Outreach Team immediately stepped in to connect them with food, hygiene, and many other resources while they established a relationship of trust. After several months of case management services and motel vouchers from the San Diego CARES Act, Crisis House connected them to the HUD-VASH program a joint HUD-VA initiative to move Veterans and their families out of homelessness and into permanent housing. With the help of the Homeless Outreach Team at Crisis House, they found an apartment that would accept them HUD-VASH voucher, and this resilient couple moved in on June 15th, 2022. We connected them with Bridge of Hope and were given furniture, dishes, linens, and fresh food for their new apartment.

Building trusting relationships greatly influence whether individuals can fully access and utilize the services available. Some of the biggest obstacles when developing or finding housing for individuals who've experienced homelessness are bad credit, no rental history, not enough income and the stigma placed on affordable housing, and the adverse community reaction to these new neighbors. Working together, we can make a difference that can change the future of individuals, families, and communities.

[Learn more about opportunities to support our homeless programs!](#)

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*To see out Homeless Outreach Team in action  
click the video below!*





# It's Off to Camp We Go!



## Got S'mores?

Our staff has been working hard creating a memorable summer camp experience at Camp Marston in Julian, CA, for two weeks in August! Campers participate in various activities ranging from field games to rock climbing, canoeing to archery, gaga ball to gold panning, and art projects to campfire songs. Campers are 'Challenged by Choice' to step outside of their comfort zone and accomplish an activity they haven't had the opportunity to do before to overcome their fears and build confidence that leads to increased self-esteem. Campers learn about real people, not much older than they are, who have overcome adversity, abuse, and other real-life challenges to show them that they are not alone and that their past does not define their future.

We can't wait to share the stories from camp with you next month!

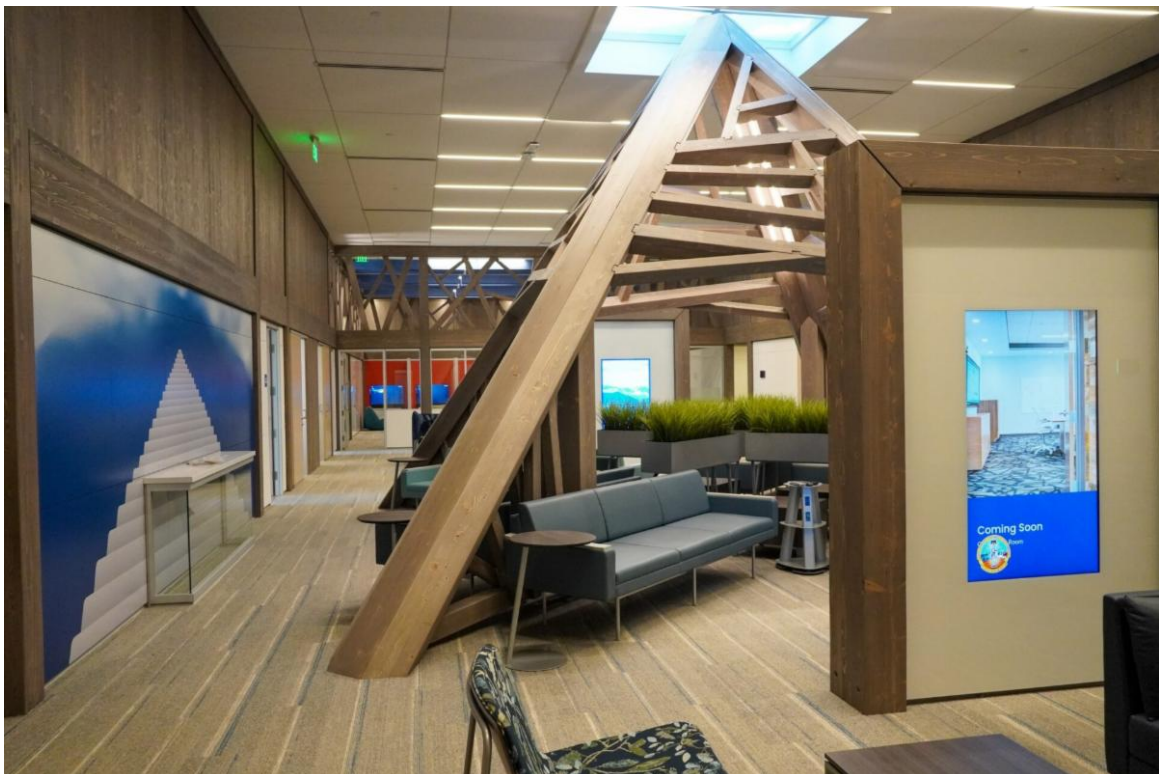
*Crisis House prioritizes the needs of our community's children through Camp HOPE. This program provides trauma-informed camperships, year-round mentorship, counseling, and other activities to 125 children annually. This cost-free programming provided to underserved children in San Diego has a reputation of accomplishment in healing children struggling with the effects of trauma due to domestic violence.*

**[Learn more about opportunities to support Camp HOPE!](#)**





## Crisis House expands to One Safe Place in North County!



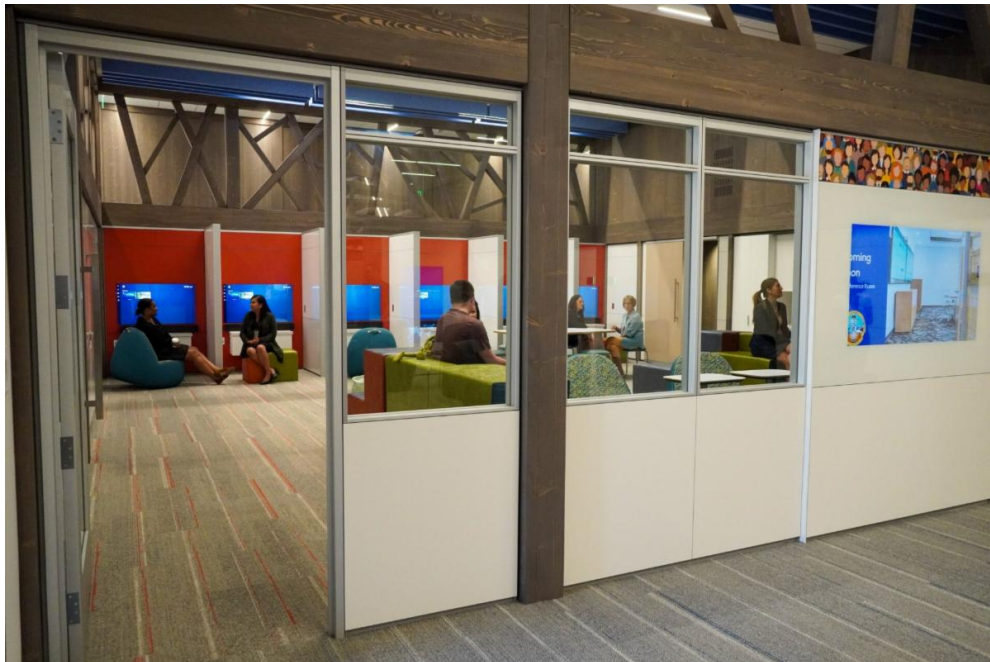
The District Attorney, County leaders, health professionals, and law enforcement celebrated the opening of One Safe Place in San Marcos. One



Safe Place, operated by the Family Justice Center, is a one-stop service destination created to support domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, and violent loss victims. The new center opened its doors to the public on July 5th, 2022. Child and adult victims of abuse and their families can go to One Safe Place and receive acute crisis care, forensic medical exams, advocacy, counseling and therapy, legal services such as restraining orders, connections to a safe shelter and housing, long-term mentoring, workforce readiness, clothing, and educational opportunities all under one roof.

Co-located professionals at One Safe Place include victim advocates, nurses, medical professionals, counselors, attorneys, housing navigators, childcare professionals, work-readiness coaches, law enforcement, and more. One Safe Place is a multi-agency service center that focuses on reducing the number of times victims tell their stories, the number of places victims must go for help, and increasing access to services and support for victims and their children.

Crisis House will have a dedicated staff member available at the Center to assist families and children impacted by domestic violence, alongside more than 70 community agencies partnered with One Safe Place. One Safe Place is open to walk-ins Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



## Star Supporter Spotlight



The [San Diego Foundation, Healthy Children & Families Initiative](#) has awarded Crisis House \$30,000 to provide survivor families of domestic violence with housing support and mental and behavioral services, and referrals for psychiatric evaluations.

San Diego Foundation inspires enduring philanthropy and enables community solutions to improve the quality of life in our region. Their strategic priorities include advancing racial and social justice, fostering equity of opportunity, building resilient communities, and delivering world-class philanthropy to realize our vision of just, equitable and resilient communities. The Healthy Children and Families Initiative advances community resilience through a health equity and increases the quality of life for children and families through expanded access to supportive services. For more than 47 years, SDF and its donors have granted more than \$1.3 billion to support nonprofit organizations strengthening our community. Learn more at [SDFoundation.org](https://www.sdfoundation.org).

*Thank you to **The San Diego Foundation** for your partnership!*

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## THE CONRAD PREBYS FOUNDATION

**The Conrad Prebys Foundation** has renewed its grant of \$50,000.00 to Crisis House for our Camp HOPE America - San Diego camp & year-round activities and mentorship programs!

Honoring its namesake's legacy and passion for philanthropic giving, The Conrad Prebys Foundation is celebrating the selection of 102 grant projects, awarded nearly \$13 million in grant funding during its summer 2022 grant cycle. With its inaugural grant cycle earlier this year, the Foundation has awarded more than \$90 million in grant funding in 2022 to deserving organizations that will positively impact the San Diego community. The awarded summer applicants reflect a balance between focus areas of personal interest to Conrad Prebys – including visual and performing arts, higher education, medical research, health care, youth development, and animal conservation – and urgent needs resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. You can visit [www.conradprebysfoundation.org](https://www.conradprebysfoundation.org) for more information.

*Thank you to **The Conrad Prebys Foundation** for your partnership!*

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## Welcome to the team, Jennifer!

We are continuously grateful for our extraordinary Crisis House team that chooses to serve our community every day.

We are excited to introduce our new hire, Jennifer James. Jennifer is our Events, Marketing & Development Manager and will manage our website and social media, foster relationships with current and potential donors, and assist in planning our annual Hearts of Gold fundraising gala! She comes to us with many years of experience in community outreach, event planning, and marketing with a passion for her children and serving her community.





Jennifer is a second-generation San Diego native with three children, ages 12, 9, & 7. She loves hiking and paddle boarding, coaches her children's soccer teams, volunteers on the Board of Directors for El Cajon AYSO, and is a regular at San Diego Sockers, Wave, and Loyal games.

*Again, a very warm welcome to our newest addition to the Crisis House team, Jennifer!*

## 2023 Hearts of Gold Gala



### Mark your calendars!

Our annual [Hearts of Gold Gala](#) is on **February 11th, 2023!**

Bring your heart of gold to celebrate our 53rd anniversary and Valentine's Day at the beautiful **U.S. Grant Hotel** in Downtown San Diego!

The Gala Committee is working hard behind the scenes to make this a memorable event in a beautiful venue with fantastic food, fabulous entertainment and auction items for the first time since COVID isolation.

Our Hearts of Gold Honoree will be announced soon!

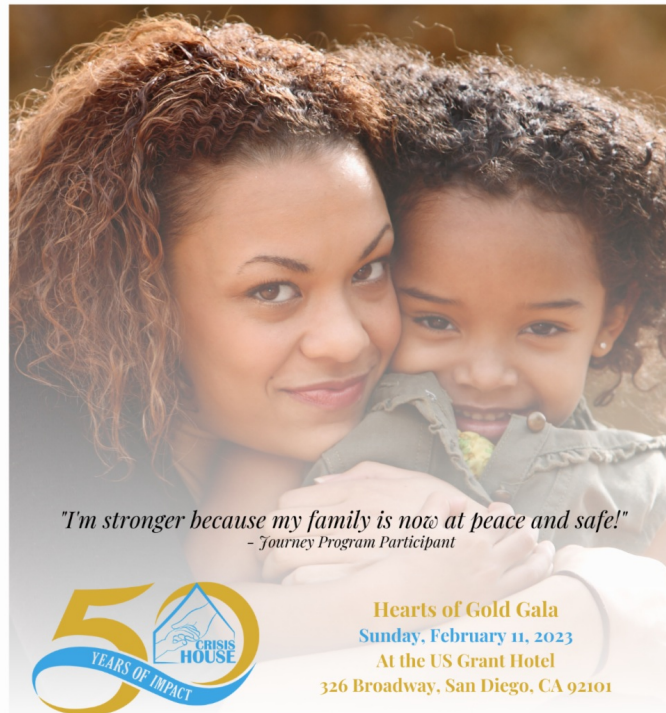
The Master of Ceremonies will be **Monica Dean** from NBC 7 San Diego, our auctioneer is **Clint Bell**, and our Honorary Chairperson is our Board Member,



**Mary Jean Anderson.**

Special recognition will be given to our five "**Legacy Builders**," who were instrumental in our New Property Purchase campaign and agency relocation from El Cajon to Santee. We successfully raised a total of \$1.1 million toward preserving our legacy of service.

Stay tuned for more information on our special celebrity guest, sponsorship opportunities, and how you can be a part of our success!



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## Remember to Follow us on Social Media!

### Follow us!

Here's a reminder to **follow** and **"like"** us on social media! We are on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter and now TikTok! Click on the icons below to join in on the action online! We'd love to share our stories with you.

Please **share** our posts with your community, as well!





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