



The Crisis House Connector

May 2022 Newsletter

Project Homeless Connect 2022



Thank you to our volunteers!

Project Homeless Connect (PHC 2022) was a wonderful success that brought about positive change, transformation, and access to crucial medical, health-related, and other services for **218 people** experiencing homelessness in East County.

This year's 7th annual PHC 2022 was held at the Ronald Reagan Community Center on Friday, May 13th from 10 am to 2 pm. *PHC 2022* provided necessary services to the homeless men, women, and families in our community in one location, on one day.

Crisis House hosts the event in East County, bringing more than 35 corporations, non-profit groups, congregations, and government agencies to assist over 200 homeless people in accessing 1,500 services.

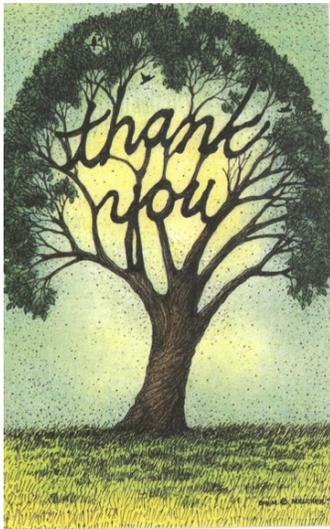
Crisis House is grateful to **Grossmont Healthcare District's** continued sponsorship and to all of those who volunteered their time.





Photo (Above): Deputy Mayor of El Cajon Michelle Metschel presented a proclamation to Mary Case (Crisis House Executive Director) declaring May 13, 2022, Project Homeless Connect East County Day.

A Letter of Gratitude



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♡ Tiffany & Charlotte



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A letter of gratitude from one of our Safe Journey Domestic Violence clients:

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In 2021, Crisis House's Domestic Violence Programs served a grand total of 459 people (including 298 children) and ended homelessness for 339 people (including 221 children).

[Learn more about our Journey Domestic Violence Programs!](#)

Camp Hope Kayaking Adventure!



Out on the Open Seas!

This month, 25 of our Camp HOPE kids set out into the open sea for a fun-filled event with our new partner La Jolla Kayaking Club at the La Jolla Caves!

This event encouraged children to step (or paddle) outside of their comfort zones and overcome the waves! We focused on creating bonds between the Camp HOPE leaders and the camper children, building momentum for this

year's long-awaited summer camp! Every month, Camp HOPE programming provides kids with various trauma-informed activities and ongoing mentorship leading up to our annual week-long summer camp experience!

HOPE Story:

Two of our Camp HOPE kids, Devin and Alexander, had a kayak that tipped over on them, causing them to roll in the waves. While at first, this caused both of them to feel extremely anxious, after learning and implementing calming breathing exercises they both faced their fears and continued kayaking with the group. Both kids learned to regulate their emotions, which resulted in them greatly enjoying the event.

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 each year. 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!](#)



Soroptimist International Hats & Heels



Photo (Above): Mary Case (Crisis House Executive Director), Judith Horning (Board Member/Soroptimist Representative), Patricia Zamora (Crisis House staff), and Barbara Nuñez (Board Member/Consumer)

This month, Crisis House enjoyed a delightful event hosted by our longtime partner, Soroptimist International. This 60s-style event at the Fairmont Grand Del Mar featured the Fabulous 5th Dimension and also a keynote speaker SD County District Attorney Summer Stephan, and raised over **\$100,000** dollars toward empowering women and girls!

Similar to Crisis House, Soroptimist International is a global women's organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. They believe that when women and girls are educated they have opportunities, choices, and power to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families.

Crisis House and Soroptimist International of Poway and North San Diego County have been partners for over twenty years. Soroptimist International

subsidizes rent, and also provides furnishings, mentors, and more for Crisis House clients.

Thank YOU for our new home!



To our generous donors, thank you for securing the legacy of Crisis House with the purchase of our new home.

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David C. Copley Foundation
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Grossmont Healthcare District

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Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Better late than never! Although a bit overdue as a result of Covid complications, we are thrilled to share our new acknowledgment plaque with you!

In 2020, Crisis House relocated to a new building when the city of El Cajon did

not renew our lease. Crisis House launched a New Property Purchase Campaign and, because of loyal community supporters like you, purchased a new property in Santee.

As a result of our successful capital purchase campaign, during which the **David C. Copley Foundation** pledged a challenge grant whereby the Foundation matched “one dollar for every one dollar” up to \$250,000 toward the building purchase and relocation expenses, Crisis House raised a total of \$1.2 million to relocate our agency and ensure 50 more years of service to our community.

YOU and supporters like you made this all possible for us!

We are so grateful to all of those who supported us in purchasing a new property in 2020 and are excited to share our beautiful plaque in your honor!

Star Supporter Spotlight



We are grateful to the **San Diego District Attorney's Office** for their support and generosity! Their **Community Grant Program** has selected Crisis House as the recipient of two \$50,000 awards this year!

With their support, we will co-locate a trained DV case manager and a Camp HOPE program specialist from Crisis House at the Family Justice Center of North County to directly serve victims of crime who are survivors of domestic violence and abuse in North County. It is our goal to make our Journey Domestic Violence housing services and Camp HOPE programming accessible to North County adult and child survivors.

The San Diego District Attorney's Office continues to make a significant difference in the effects of Domestic Violence in San Diego, and in supporting our mission of serving those who need it most within our community.

Thank you, San Diego District Attorney's Office, for your partnership!

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



Crisis House remains committed to serving those experiencing homelessness and domestic violence abuse at:

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