



## *Crisis House Connector*

October 2019 Newsletter



## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Every 9 seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other. Domestic Violence is an enormous issue in our country and in our world. For that reason, in 1989, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since with the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence providing key leadership in this effort. Domestic Violence Awareness Month was imagined by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, but we can all do our part during this month to raise awareness and work to end violence. This month is a time when we can mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived, and connect those who work to end violence. We would love to have your participation in Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

What Can you do?

1. Re-post the Crisis House posts from our social media so that your friends

- and family can be made aware of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
2. Use #DomesticViolenceAwareness to post on your own social media.
  3. Give a designated gift to our domestic violence programs.
  4. Donate clothing, food, formula, sanitary products or diapers to the women and children in our domestic violence programs.
  5. Join Crisis House at the El Cajon Police Department parking lot on October 21, 2019 at 9:30 am as we walk in the **2019 East HOPE event**.
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## Hearts of Gold Gala

Join Crisis House to celebrate our 50 years of impact at our Hearts of Gold Gala on February 9, 2020 at the University Club Atop Symphony Towers from 4:00 - 9:00 pm. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.



## New Program at Crisis House!



The Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) recently distributed the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (**HEAP**), established by statute to provide localities with one-time flexible block grant funds in the amount \$18.8 million. This grant provides immediate emergency assistance to people experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness in San Diego County. In efforts to reduce homelessness in the East Region, Crisis House will receive funding in the amount \$300,000 to help provide outreach, housing navigators and rental assistance our neighbors in East County experiencing homelessness.

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### Joe Villanueva, MA

Joe is joining us as our new HEAP Housing Navigator! Joe has been working as a case manager in the mental health field since 2013, supporting individuals from various backgrounds, challenges, and all walks of life achieve both their treatment goals and personal goals. Joe has

experience in providing case management in a day program setting as well as in a clinical setting. Joe enjoys archery, hiking, writing comedy, and Dungeons & Dragons. Sometimes on weekends, Joe pretends he's a pirate when he plays with his parrot.



### **Bernadette Jordan, MA**

Bernie was promoted from our Domestic Violence Case Aid to HEAP Outreach Coordinator. She was born in Chile and raised in Albany, New York. She has a Masters in Social Innovation from the University of San Diego and bachelors in sociology with a minor in Latino Studies from the University of Norte Dame. 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.

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