



# *The Crisis House Connector*

## January 2020 Newsletter

*Greetings, Happy New Year!*



### **Beginning a New Year of Service in 2021**

Although 2020 was a year filled with hardship and challenge, the goodness and generosity of our community have allowed Crisis House to continue to burst forth with acts and services of compassion, love, and hope toward underserved families and individuals.

Excitement and hope for the future abound as Crisis House seeks new opportunities and partnerships while acclimating to its new home on Cuyamaca Street in Santee. Venturing into our 51st year of service, our team is eager to continue providing essential services to those who need them most.

***Photo Above:*** Crisis House Staff Meeting over Zoom

## **National Mentoring Month**



**Are you interested in giving back, often from the comfort of your home?**

**Becoming a [Crisis House Mentor](#) may be just the opportunity for you!**

As we honor mentors this month, Crisis House would like to extend the opportunity to become a mentor to either adult women with children who are survivors of domestic violence or to children who have experienced domestic violence trauma.

By committing to a year of regular check-ins, you can become a source of hope as a mentor who provides companionship, empathy, support, and resources to our clients. To learn more about opportunities to provide mentorship to adult women in our transitional housing **Journey programs** seeking *career development mentorship*, please contact Pat Zamora at [patricia@crisishouse.org](mailto:patricia@crisishouse.org).

To learn more about opportunities to provide mentorship to children survivors in our **Camp HOPE** programming seeking support with year-round mentorship activities and camp experiences, please contact Yolanda Ruiz at [yolanda@crisishouse.org](mailto:yolanda@crisishouse.org).

Mentorship orientation is provided by the crisis house staff!

## 2021 Crisis House Staff Highlights



**Photo (above):** Crisis House Promoted Staff, including Annie Przytulski, LaSheila Williams, and Francisca Alcaide (left to right).

Crisis House is honored to have had an incredible team leading us through the challenges and triumphs of 2020! We are excited to announce that various of our remarkable team members have received promotions this past year!

Firstly, **Francisca Alcaide** has been promoted to Program Manager after nearly two and a half years as the Journey Home Case Manager. Her passion for serving and connecting with others makes her an inspiring role model. Francisca has excelled at contract management and creating professional development and training systems for new staff.

Also, **LaSheila Williams**, our longest employee of 18 years has been promoted to a Safe Journey Case Manager. LaSheila provides essential financial assistance to help families maintain their housing post domestic violence incidents, and supports victims to become permanently housed. LaSheila and the Safe Journey Program serve thirty-eight (38) households including eighty-five (85) children each year.

Lastly, **Anastasia Przytulski** was promoted from Journey On Case Aid to Journey On Advocate and Emergency Housing Coordinator. Annie works with families in immediate crisis from domestic violence disturbances and houses them in hotels/motels countywide in coordination with law enforcement. Annie and the Journey On Program provide hotel/motel vouchers to fifty-seven (57) households, including 110 children annually.

Please also join us in welcoming incoming team members:



- **Elizabeth Garibay**, Journey Home Housing Navigator
  - Provides housing to forty (40) families, including seventy-nine (79) children struggling with domestic violence and homelessness.
- **Jonathan Ortega**, Homeless Outreach Worker
  - Connects with 570+ unsheltered homeless annually and the program provides housing for thirty-five (35) families.
- **Jennifer Vokins**, Program Assistant/Case Aide
- **Robel Artin**, Receptionist/Intake & Referral Specialist

*Please join us in congratulating the new staff of 2021!*

**Photo (below):** New Crisis House Staff, including Jennifer Vokins, Elizabeth Garibay, Jon Ortega, and Robel Artin (left to right).



## Star Supporter Spotlight



Crisis House extends a very special thank you to the **Issa Family Foundation**, headed by Darrel and Kathy Issa. Thank you for being a continuous supporter of Crisis House's mission in San Diego!

Our organization also thanks our new supporter, **Harmony & Health Foundation (MES Swacker Foundation)**,

headed by Pastor Nerice

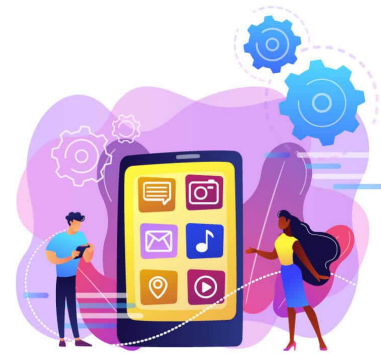
Kaufman who has recognized Crisis House's services as "valuable and necessary in our present-day circumstances." This foundation's main objectives are to promote Education, Community Outreach, Social Justice, and the Arts.

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## Remember to Follow us on Social Media!

What says 2021 more than social media! Here's a reminder to **follow** and "**like**" us on social media! We are on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter. 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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*Crisis House remains committed to serving those experiencing homelessness and domestic violence abuse at our new location:*

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