

Amigos de Casa Marianella

www.casamarianella.org

info@casamarianella.org

512-385-5571

Annual Winter Newsletter 2011

Residents' Journeys to Casa Marianella





CASA MARIANELLA EMERGENCY SHELTER UPDATE

Jennifer Long, Casa Director

Come visit Casa any night at 9:30 and you will see an example of international cooperation that is rare in our world. The 35 people staying in our emergency shelter include: men and women, young and old, sick and well, African and Latin American, Christian, Hindu, and Muslim, educated and illiterate. Despite the great diversity, we share jokes and the day's news and everyone pitches in to do the chores together afterward.

Almost everyone who comes to Casa bears the marks of trauma. Our residents have come to us fleeing war and domestic violence and homelessness. We have learned that the experience of being in this diverse community provides a path of healing as well. Everyone is called upon to care for our older residents. Those who have been at Casa for a while translate for those who have just arrived. They teach each other the bus routes and the shortest walking path to the grocery store. Some people cook well, others know how to prepare a testimony. Those of us who work here witness an inspiring economy of giving and receiving. We are fortunate to be able to participate in this community and we welcome you to visit or volunteer.



▲ Director Jennifer Long standing outside of Casa with Omar, a resident from Somalia

Casa's New Immigration Legal Clinic Elise Harriger, Attorney

If you stop by Casa's community center on a Thursday afternoon, you will find it bustling with activity. The waiting area will be full of people preparing their initial paperwork, and the former bedrooms will be busy with legal consultations.

Since late summer 2010, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services (CMILS) has served over 500 clients from around the world as they navigate the often complicated U.S. immigration laws. CMILS assists Casa and Posada residents and other immigrants living below the poverty line in applying for work permits, renewing green cards, seeking asylum, preparing applications for visas for victims of

crime, and much more.



Paula Blaha, Elise Harriger, and Sarah Woelk running the legal clinic on a Thursday afternoon

The CMILS staff includes Paula Blaha, legal assistant; Melissa Buhrt, Casa staff liaison; Elise Harriger, attorney; and Sarah Woelk, attorney. CMILS staff work closely with Casa and Posada staff as well as other immigrant legal service providers to offer quality legal representation to all CMILS clients.

To assist in continuing its work, CMILS would appreciate donations of office supplies, including copy paper, pens, tab dividers, and file folders, or gift cards to office-supply stores. CMILS is also looking for a commercial copier/printer. To make a monetary donation to CMILS, donate to Casa Marianella and indicate that your contribution is for the legal clinic.

POSADA ESPERANZA

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S SHELTER UPDATE



Announcing Casa Gloria!

This spring Bishop McCarthy brought a dear friend, Josie, to visit us at Posada Esperanza. Josie knew that Posada Esperanza provides a resting place for families who are lifting themselves out of crisis but didn't know that we were having a year of record-breaking numbers of women and children in our houses. The slow economy has had a dual effect: increased demand for our housing, and longer stays as it takes families longer to get on their feet. As we spoke of the need for more space for families we could see across the street the FOR SALE sign on a modest home with a large property and a spectacular view of downtown. Wouldn't we want to have that house to serve families? Yes, having that house for families would help greatly in filling the need while



▲ Posada families gather outside of Casa Gloria's front door

continuing to give families the intimate, home-like setting that we offer at our other houses.

Josie is not one to dwell on a problem. She is a courageous woman who will charge ahead to find solutions. She was inspired by what she saw as an opportunity to help Casa Marianella grow its services to families and she knew it was a project that her beloved mother would be proud to support. Josie and her late mother, Gloria, are women of action and generosity in ways that are hard to even imagine. Within a few weeks Josie had purchased the house for Casa Marianella and committed to paying for the majority of the necessary renovations to make the house perfect for families.

A spark was ignited by Josie's generosity and leadership and soon others joined the effort to create this new home. Stillwater Foundation committed to provide a grant to help with the renovations to the house. Yvette Trevino of St. Catherine of Sienna's Church began making a plan for designing the interior. Numerous individuals and Austin businesses such as Craig O's, Taco Cabana, and Juicy Tart made donations and held fundraisers to gather the funds to purchase paint and furniture for the house. A crew of talented men worked throughout this year's brutally hot summer tearing down rotten walls and nearly re-building the house from the studs.

The house will be christened "Casa Gloria" in honor of Josie's mom, and will be open to provide shelter for three new families as we approach the holidays. What a great way to celebrate the season! Join us in our heartfelt gratitude to Josie and all those whose generosity and loving spirit have made Casa Gloria a reality!

WISH LISTS

All items can be dropped off at Casa Marianella from 9am-8pm daily. Thank you for your support!

CASA MARIANELLA

POSADA ESPERANZA

Work pants and jeans Bedding and towels Shoes and socks **Toiletries** Jackets Cold Medicine Hats and gloves **ESL Class Supplies** Housewares Soccer Balls

Diapers Food: Blankets • Fresh fruit Plastic hangers Milk Baby wipes • Eggs Shampoo • Meat Bath Towels



New Staff Members take on the Border!

Erin Birney, Casa Staff

On a recent trip to the United States-Mexico border, new Casa Marianella and Posada Esperanza staff gained a firsthand comprehensive sketch of the disparity between El Paso, TX, one of American's safest large cities, and Ciudad Juárez, MX, a violent border city. Thanks to fellow shelters Annuncation House and Casa Vides, the new staff saw the border issue from many different perspectives during their stay. They listened to moving stories, sat in on immigration court, discussed asylum with immigrant advocates, attended a Border Mass at the fence, talked to a Border Patrol Agent, and learned about local labor justice programs. Staff members deepened their understanding of the cultural, political, economic, social, and environmental factors that are



▲ New Staff pictured at the Border Mass in Sunland Park, New Mexico

defining characteristics of the border situation. After participating in the border trip, new staff members are able to better place their work at Casa and Posada within the larger context of the realities of the border region. Casa volunteer Bridget Flores reflects that: "It was a really good opportunity to meet the people at Annunciation House and Casa Vides, but our border trip also brought a profound awareness of how intensely the violence in Juarez affects people's lives and of the great responsibility U.S. citizens have to change their behaviors and the U.S. policy that prorogates the violence." Casa and Posada staffs are stepping up to the challenge of spreading border awareness by continuing to work each day to educate, shelter, and support the Austin community.

Casa Staff Learn First-hand from Mexican Labor Organizers:

Margo Johnson, Casa Staff

Casa Marianella constantly admits diverse residents into the shelter, some hailing from countries most people have never heard of. However, almost all residents spend time in the Mexican border region before coming to the United States. Casa Marianella staff partners with non-profit Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera (Austin so Close to the Border) to learn more about issues of human rights and social justice on the border. They join with other members of the Austin community in talking to union workers about their fight for fare wages and benefits in US-run maquiladoras and their efforts to educate the community about constitutional rights. Melissa Buhrt, assistant director of Casa Marianella, says: "These experiences challenge your heart, your mind, your perceptions on the world. As you spend three days visiting individuals living along



▲ Members of the most recent delegation to Piedras Negras and Ciudad Acuña

the border, the undeniable connectedness between life in the U.S., our economic policies, and the effects on the income and labor rights of those individuals comes sharply into focus."

These delegations give Casa staff a clearer understanding of the issues happening in our own backyard, and how these circumstances affect both residents and the Austin community. Casa staff member, Christopher Newton says: "On the trips to the border we are not there to teach anything to the people we meet, we are there to learn from them. I think the same is true about our work at Casa, in being hospitable to immigrants: we can learn so much from those who come to stay with us, through their culture and experience."

If you are interested in participating in an Austin Tan Cerca delegation, please contact Josefina Castillo at jcastillo@atcf.org.

Art for a New Start

Margo Johnson, Casa Staff





Imagine that you are a woman who just arrived to a new country with a new language and culture and that you have to somehow find a way to make a life for yourself. You may feel socially isolated and homesick and have trouble qualifying for jobs. This is the situation that many of the women at Casa Marianella and

Posada Esperanza are faced with. They have to find creative ways to utilize their existing skills in a new environment. Some of the women have been doing just that and are making artisan goods that they hope to sell in Austin. Rosalidia at Casa Marianella makes beautiful and intricate paper animals and baskets for holidays and home decor. Leticia from Posada Esperanza makes colorful piñatas and piggy banks.

The women are also working together to brainstorm new ideas and to find spaces to sell their goods. They recently went on an excursion to South Congress to look at the items for sale in stores and booths there and to consider pricing and presentation. They are very excited to continue developing their products and feel great pride when they sell a piece. The biggest obstacle to their progress is a lack of quality materials to work with. Casa and Posada are looking for donations, including art supplies, gift cards, and possible community sponsors, to get them started. To find out more please contact Margo at margo.e.johnson@gmail.com.



A Rosalidia proudly displays her intricate paper creations at 2011Women and Fair Trade event

The Power of Creativity: Piñatas at Posada

Catie Johnston, Posada Staff



▲ Leticia stands with her piñatas on the back porch of Posada

Leticia is a resident currently staying at Posada Esperanza. Having all her documentation stolen from her a year ago was the start of a long series of obstacles for Leticia, but she has never been one to let challenges discourage her. When she was younger her mother taught her how to make jewelry, clothes, and other crafts. As an adult living in the Valley, she found work in a piñateria where she taught herself how to make piñatas. When she and her partner moved to the Austin area 11 years ago, Leticia began making piñatas on her own, mostly by special request. Eventually, she had her own business in Montopolis until her partner left her, and she wasn't able to support herself on her own.

Despite the difficulties, Leticia has stayed focused on what she can do rather than what she cannot. Since staying at Posada, Leticia has made custom-ordered piñatas for dozens of customers. She also gets the other women at Posada involved. She says there are always materials around if you just have the creativity and motivation to make something out of them. Her dream is to one day have her own business again, but more than just selling her handiwork, Leticia dreams of using crafts to empower women to use the talents and resources they have to improve their livelihood. She believes that her creativity helps keep her mind and spirit active and propels her forward into a new positive chapter in her life.

If you're interested in supporting Leticia in her piñata-making business, email posadaesperanza@yahoo.com



Volunteer Spotlights



Volunteer Queta and residents cook FarmHouse veggies



St. Ed's Social Justice and Service Outreach group help residents job search



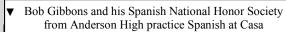
Austin SERVE helps out Casa every Monday



UT students Sarah Jane, Meredith, and Katie are active Casa volunteers

Volunteer at Casa Marianella and Posada Esperanza!

- **Casa** opportunities include cooking dinner, mentoring residents, house maintenance, office work, cleaning and organizing around the house. Email volunteer@casamarianella.org.
- **Posada** needs volunteers to drive families to appointments, cleaning, house repair, teach English weekday mornings. Email <u>posadaesperanza@yahoo.com</u>.
- **ESL** (a) Casa teachers are needed Monday-Thursday. Teachers commit to 1 night a week (7:30pm-9pm) for a 10 week cycle. We also need teachers for Saturday classes (10:30am-12pm). Email esl@casamarianella.org

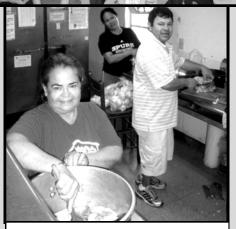








◆ Casa volunteers always use donated vegetables from Boggy Creek Farm. Thank you, Boggy Creek!



Super volunteers Queta and Jose cook dinner with residents



▲ Jayne Prewitt and Central Christian Church bring dinner to our residents

ESL Volunteers Help Immigrants Adapt to Life and Language in the U.S.

Thank you ESL teachers for your commitment, hard work, and desire to improve the language skills of Casa residents and the community!

2011 ESL Teachers:

Level 1: Level 2: James Edsel Ryan Dylla Catherine Wittkower Douglas Rhodenbaugh Joel & Dina Sherzer Michael Wright Deisy Verdinez Roxanne Heuschkel Amanda Coldeway Caroline Ivv Lyndsay Deignan Aaron Parker Aislinn Hargadon Andrea Gaines Alma Contreras Lindsay MacDonnell Clayton Wickham Gabriel Ornelas



▲ Level 1 and 2 teachers Deisy, Michael, and Amanda prepare for class on Tuesday night in the Casa office



From Nepal to Casa: Helping Hands Span the Globe

Erin Birney, Casa Staff



▲ Devi helps other Nepali men and women

When reflecting on why he left his native Nepal, Casa resident Devi B simply states, "Communism deposits sweet dreams." 'Sweet' dreams of a classless and stateless communist society were successfully planted in impoverished, illiterate regions in Nepal. Targeted as a Nepali polyglot and an intellectual, Devi, a politically active teacher, escaped to neighboring India after being attacked and kidnapped by communist Maoists. After flying to Guatemala from India, Devi began his journey north by traveling up through Central America to the United States. During his northward trajectory, he was placed in a detention center in Tapachula, Mexico, for three and a half months after being caught by immigration. While in detention, Devi helped 15 Sri Lankans gain political asylum in Mexico by translating over 200 pages of documents from Hindi into English.

Post-detention, Devi traveled to Reynosa, Mexico, where he crossed the border on the Fourth of July this year. Currently, he resides at Casa Marianella where he actively helps six Nepali men and women with their asylum cases as an interpreter and translator of Hindi/Nepali, all while working on his own case. Devi's role as a helper and educator at Casa strikes a similar chord to his own story of displacement: "My conscience has always provoked me to help those immigrants who are in the same situation as me and who have been forced to be displaced from their native countries." Be it in his native Nepal, Mexico or here in Austin, TX, Devi has always selflessly helped others using his intellect and his gift for languages. He hopes to one day become an immigration lawyer.

Casa Resident Presents at New Orleans Immigration Conference Bridget Flores, Casa Staff

On October 13th and 14th, Casa resident Abdikader Omar Hassan presented at a conference entitled "Imprisoned, Forgotten, and Deported: Immigrant Detention, Advocacy and the Faith Community." The conference, sponsored by Florida University and hosted by Loyola University New Orleans, involved both lectures by speakers and debates on topics related to immigration and the treatment of immigrants within the United States. In his presentation, Omar shared his experiences of living and working for Dell and Samsung in the United States for fifteen years, being detained and losing everything he had built for himself, and now being homeless without rights to his money or legal documents.

Omar wants people to be aware of the little-known facts of immigration and detention and the injustices that exist within both systems. "It makes me sad when I talk to people, like when I presented to five hundred people at [St. Edward's University] and not two of them had ever heard that detention for asylees exists." He holds that people need to appreciate the things they have. A resident of Casa for five months, Omar took time in his presentation to explain that Casa has been a positive experience that he greatly appreciates: "Something good comes out from bad, and for me that was Casa…When I really needed help, Casa opened its door to me."



▲ Omar talking with Fred Kramer of the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola New Orleans

After having had his documents seized over two years ago, Omar just recently received his work authorization and social security card. He recently started a new position at Dell as an Electrical Technician.

Love has Sprung at Casa Marianella!

Katy Billups, Casa Staff

This spring, Casa Marianella reunited two Ethiopian asylum-seekers, Tsehay (pronounced SAH-HI) and Jordan, who fell in love on their hard journey to the United States. Without knowing when they would find or see each other again, they spent approximately two months in separate detention centers in Texas. Thanks to many advocates, Tsehay was released to us within a month of living in Hutto Detention. She found a niche for herself at Casa and revealed her hope to reunite with her long-lost love, Jordan. Through searching the pipelines of the Internet, Tsehay discovered that Jordan was living in North Carolina, where he went after his release from Detention. After speaking with Jordan, Casa agreed to intake him, so he and Tsehay could be together again.



▲ Tsehay and Jordan outside Casa on their Wedding Day

Two weeks later at 2 a.m., Jordan anxiously walked into Casa and locked eyes with Tsehay. They embraced each other as they were reunited for the first time in the United States. One staff member said, "It was amazing to see them hug forever. I imagined what they must have gone through together and then separately." After living at Casa for six months, Jordan and Tsehay have continued to work on their asylum cases, moved into an apartment, and most importantly married in at Ethiopian Orthodox Church. They plan to have a big celebration on their one-year anniversary.

Josefina's Story

Amelia Phan, Posada Staff

Josefina, originally from Mexico, lived in Georgia for eight years before arriving to Austin. She managed her role as a mother very well there; her kids were in school, her partner was supportive, she had a car, a job and a home. However, a problem arose when the police stopped her during a routine traffic check. Fearing deportation and losing her children, Josefina faced a major dilemma.

Meanwhile, Josefina's cousin, who lived in Austin, offered her a place to stay and told Josefina she could easily find work. Wanting to do what was best for her children given the grim circumstances, Josefina accepted her cousin's offer and left behind her life in Georgia.



Josefina pictured with her two children

In Austin, Josefina's expectations were not met. Her cousin took her in as expected, but she began to mistreat Josefina. After 2 weeks of contention, her cousin told Josefina to leave the house even though Josefina did not have anywhere to live, a familiarity with the city, literacy skills, and was without a way to support herself and her two children.

Thankfully, Josefina found the number to Posada Esperanza and she was able to move in right away. Currently, Josefina is working on a legal case, advancing her literacy skills, working two jobs, and looking for an affordable housing situation.



Biking Promotes Self Sufficiency

Addy Bragodia, Casa Staff



A Residents and staff maintain the bike project

At the end of this summer, the Yellow Bike Project rolled into Casa Marianella with seven bicycles that were donated. The bicycles are available for residents to run errands, travel to appointments, and to commute to work. Bike commuting allows for a reliable, relatively quick means of transportation, not to mention money saved in gas, insurance, and the maintenance costs that go along with a car. The donated bicycles have further supported the mission of Casa Marianella: to promote self-sufficiency.

Thank you to The Yellow Bike Project, The Austin Cycling Association, The City of Austin, and Easy Street Recumbents for offering this gift to our residents.



¡Copa Esperanza!

The Austin Coed Soccer Association is sponsoring the 4th annual soccer tournament benefiting Casa Marianella and Villa Esperanza. This 7v7 coed tournament takes place on February 18th, 2012 at the Onion Creek Soccer Complex in southeast Austin.

For further information, rules and regulations, go to www.acsasoccer.org/copa.php. Or if you would like to register please email volunteer@casamarianella.org



Furtemba Rides On!

Katy Billups, Casa Staff



Last February, Casa Marianella had the pleasure of welcoming Furtemba

Sherpa, one of our most interesting visitors from Nepal. Furtemba has been cycling around the world since 2003 promoting world peace, social harmony and advocating cycling as a great, sustainable transportation alternative. As one of six children, he left his family at 10 years old to find work. Growing up as a victim of child exploitation, homelessness, and without an education did not stop Furtemba from fulfilling his

dreams of cycling around the world spreading his brave message.

During his stay at Casa Marianella, the Nepali community came to visit and honor Furtemba as a world cyclist and messenger. He thanked us with white scarves

called Hatas, for supporting his journey and for inviting him into the Casa family. As of today, Furtemba has visited over 71 countries throughout Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, the Caribbean, Central and South America. By late 2020, he hopes to have traveled to 151 countries.



▲ Furtemba and Casa staff and residents at the Hata Ceremony

Meet The Casa Marianella Holistic Practitioner Katy Billups, Casa Staff

On Monday and Friday afternoons, the 828 House if full of families, mothers with children, senior citizens, and Casa residents waiting to receive treatment from the Casa Oriental Medicine Practitioner Hector Kuhn Naranjo (M.Ac.O.M., L.Ac.). Hector was inspired by his former teacher at AOMA Graduate school of Integrative Medicine to open a free contribution clinic for people in the community. "This is something I have to do, my service should be available to everybody," explained Hector. Born in Bolivia and raised in Colombia, Hector was drawn to Casa because he noticed the need for healthcare within the Hispanic community. In 2008, Hector opened his Casa clinic of Oriental Medicine with the mission of promoting health through Holistic Medicare.

The clinic is open to everyone with the first treatment being free and a recommended donation for the next appointment. Hector gives different types of treatments including acupuncture, Tui Na (massage-like bodywork), and herbal medicine. If you are interested, please call Casa Marianella to make an appointment: 385-5571.





▲ Hector giving an acupuncture treatment to a patient

Ellen Sweets Brings Flavor to Casa Addy Bagrodia, Casa Staff

This past year, Wednesday nights at Casa Marianella were a culinary delight among the residents. Ellen Sweets, a local journalist and self–acclaimed foodie, recruited and organized a special group of volunteers to provide the residents with gourmet home-cooked dinners once a week.

Ellen and her talented cooking group are a legacy to many because she hosted dinners in the 1980s and 90s for Aids Service of Dallas. She wanted to resume the cooking tradition in Austin and had reserved a special place in her heart for immigrants. Casa can't think of a tastier way for Ellen to express her solidarity than through her home-cooked meals. Although she's currently promoting her new book, Stirring It Up with Molly Ivins: A Memoir with Recipes, Ellen assured us of her return to the Casa Marianella kitchen.



▲ Ellen Sweets serving her home-cooked dinner

Casa Marianella 25th Anniversary Benefit Concert Melissa Buhrt, Casa Staff

On January 6th, 2011, Casa Marianella completed 25 years of service to immigrants in the Austin community. To celebrate this momentous occasion, we held a benefit concert on May 7th, 2011. Musical talent was generously donated by Kiko y La Banda, Os Alquimistas, El Tule, featuring Casa's own Josh Collier, DJ Macumbeats, and Dáme Moneda, featuring Casa's own Christopher Newton. We would like to thank the Orun Center of Cultural Arts for offering their beautiful and intimate space for the evening, as well as all of the wonderful volunteers and attendees that made the event possible! We continue serving immigrants in Austin thanks to all of



△Dáme Moneda bringing Latin rhythm at the Benefit





Services

In addition to providing shelter and support to recently arrived immigrants, refugees, and political asylees in Austin, Casa Marianella is also proud to offer:

ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes:

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 pm -9:00 pm

Saturday: 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Classes are FREE and open to all. Level one and level two offerings are provided.

The Oriental Medicine Clinic:

The clinic is open every Monday and Friday with appointments upon request.

The Legal Services Clinic:

The newly-opened legal clinic opens its doors for appointments and walk-ins every Thursday from 1-5 pm. Visits are free of charge.

One-on-one assistance with:

- Tutoring and English practice
- Translation
- Computer use
- Resumes
- Emotional therapy Give Casa a call at (512) 385 -5571 to find out more about working with a volunteer.





Don't forget to join us the last Sunday of every month for...

¡CONVIVIO!

from 5:30-7:30 pm

...a big, free, friendly community dinner and celebration at Casa. Live music, good conversation, and delicious food for all.

¡Nos vemos en Casa Marianella!

THE CASA/POSADA STAFF

Emergency Shelter Directors

Jennifer Long Addy Bagrodia Melissa Buhrt Katy Billups

Emergency Shelter Staff

Bridget Flores
Emily Hayes
Margo Johnson
Erin Birney
Mayra Garcia
Jonathan Hurley
Hector Kuhn
Christopher Newton
Joshua Collier

Posada Esperanza Director

Patti McCabe

Women and Children's Shelter Staff

Catie Johnston Bridget Brewer Amelia Phan Mary Meghan Daly Lauren Waelder

Casa/Posada Grant Enthusiast

Karen Wolman

The Casa/Posada Board of Directors

Bob Rankin, President

Hermelinda Zamarripa Leti Bueno
Elise Harriger Carol Walker
Susan Bradshaw Kevin Jewell
Karen Lyons Serna Wayne Krause
Paula Del Carmen Mitzi Eastman
Maggie Cochran Sarah Duzinski

Casa Marianella
AITF for Central America
821 Gunter St.
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 385-5571
(512) 385-5575 fax
www.casamarianella.org
casamarianella@riseup.net

Address Service Requested

Nonprofit Organization U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. 993 Austin, TX

Casa Marianella Sends a Warm Thank-you to...

Keep Austin Housed AmeriCorps Jesuit Volunteer Corps The Catholic Volunteer Network American Gateways Fulbright UT Law Clinic RAICES, Inc CommUnityCare Clinics Centers for Survivors of Torture Capital Area Counseling Caritas of Austin

Unitarian Universalist Church

Capital Area Food Bank Safeplace Capital Metro Transit Royal Vision Center Austin Stone

Churches:

Congregational Church of Littleton
St. Austin Catholic Church
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
The Catholic Diocese of Austin
Cristo Rey Catholic Church
Faith Presbyterian Church
St. David's Episcopal Church
Oak Hill United Methodist
Knights of Columbus of
St.Catherine
St. Thomas More Catholic
Church
St. Julia Catholic Church

Wildflower Church
Plum Blossom Sangha
St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic
St. James Episcopal Church
St. Davids Episcopal Church
St. Georges Episcopal Church
University United Methodist
Church
Our Lady of Guadalupe CatholicChurch Poiema
San Francisco de Asis

Groups:

Albert and Marie-Helen
Milhomme
Suzanne Curtis and Alfonso
Huerta from UT School of Human Ecology
Still Water Foundation
Trull Foundation
Villa Esperanza
Texas Coffee Traderes
Farmhouse Delivery
Boggy Creek Farm

Matt and Mary Blackstock