# CASA MARIANELLA

### SAFE SHELTER

Casa Marianella provides radical hospitality to recently arrived individuals in the United States who are experiencing instability. We offer safe shelter, food, and day-to-day resources, and our staff, volunteers, and past-residents create a warm community of support. We'd love for you to join us in our work!

### LEGAL SERVICES

Our legal clinic provides assistance with a wide variety of immigration law matters for current and former Casa residents, and, as time allows, for other individuals who qualify. We aim to offer legal resources and education to promote self-sufficiency to individuals in our community.

#### **ENGLISH CLASS**

In order to best equip our residents with the tools to succeed in the United States, we offer English as a Second Language classes four nights a week. Our program has three course levels (beginner, intermediate, and advanced), and all classes are free and open to the public. Stop by to find out more!



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### a letter from the directors



Families come to Posada with a sense of urgency to meet their basic needs and a great desire to start reaching their dreams for a new life. But, upon realizing that their situation is more difficult than they imagined it would be, families often feel frustrated and overwhelmed. These feelings sometimes hold them back from figuring out how to keep moving forward. Some families are separated at the border, and the husband is put in detention for many months or indefinitely. Some moms imagine that there would be some government help for people fleeing violence and persecution like themselves, and they are shocked to learn that they will be homeless. Over the last year at Posada, we have been focusing our efforts on helping families achieve their goals of self-sufficiency and learning how to make the best out of their new life in Austin. We've been working to build a momentum with the moms so that when roadblocks pop up we all can rise above them and keep chugging along. We are enrolling kids in school, applying for childcare resources, looking for work, meeting with lawyers, getting health insurance, making doctor's appointments, researching housing options, networking with new friends, going to counseling, and taking care of each other's children. We're doing all of this work together with the moms with a positive energy that helps us all pick up and keep at it the next day. This action-oriented case management doesn't leave much time to feel depressed or linger on the frustration of unmet expectations of their new American experience. With the work of moms, staff, and volunteers we have sheltered 114 women and children in the last year and 90% have moved out into successful housing. Most importantly, they can look at themselves and the community they have built here and feel pride in how they have overcome obstacles and created safe and productive lives for themselves and their children.

Casa Marianella opened in January, 1986 with the goal of providing housing for refugees arriving at the US border searching for safety. In 2017, we continue to do this work. Our current residents come to us from immigration detention centers, from the streets because their health failed and they lost their housing, or from juvenile detention system after turning 18. Everyone who arrives receives a place to sleep, food, case management, legal services, and ESL classes. We know that with this level of support, our residents will succeed in finding work and housing and will never be homeless again. As one of the few shelters for immigrants in the US, Casa Marianella has struggled to keep up with the need. We are constantly overcrowded. This year we have initiated several programs to relieve the crowding. We have started a Hosting Program that invites community members to give housing to our residents when they have been stabilized at Casa and just need time to save some money for an apartment. We have opened 2 houses for transitional housing for residents who can pay a small rent. We have also opened a special house for two parent families. We are actively seeking partners both in Austin and from around the country who can join us in the effort to provide housing for our friends who have been forced to migrate to the US for safety. Casa Marianella is grateful to enjoy the support of many people and organizations in this city, including the City of Austin and Travis County. We are staffed by idealistic young people who donate a year or more of their lives to run our shelters. We also have hundreds of community volunteers who make our work possible. We welcome you to come visit us and to join us in this effort.

#### - JENNIFER LONG



Casa Marianella opened its doors on January 26, 1986 in response to the arrival of refugees fleeing from Central America to Austin. The main house is named for Marianella García Villas, a Salvadoran attorney and human rights activist who battled against human rights violations in El Salvador until her assassination by government troops in 1983. Casa Marianella was donated by Ed Wendler, a community activist in Austin, to the Diocese of Austin for use as a shelter.

Today, Casa Marianella provides shelter, food and full supportive services to homeless immigrants. Our shelters are home-like facilities designed to meet emergency or transitional needs so vulnerable, traumatized, and injured people can resolve their immediate crisis, get stabilized, and once again become independentt—which then opens up space for new residents. Over the

years, our population of residents has evolved from survivors of the Salvadoran war to asylum-seeking refugees and other immigrants from over 40 countries around the world. This year alone, Casa Marianella served 334 immigrants and refugees from 33 different countries.

In the pages that follow, we've provided a glance at the many services we provide for folks residing at Casa, from English classes and legal services to transportation and Oriental Medicine. In addition to these tangible resources, the individuals who make up our community—staff, volunteers, and residents both current and past—constitute a profoundly restorative pillar of our work. Our hospitable community provides warmth, friendship, and hope, through which residents reclaim dignity and self-sufficiency.

In the words of Casa residents, the weighty impact of a supportive community becomes evident. An assemblage of kind words

from a few of our folks: "Casa is special to me, because it helps people in limbo to feel secure. It gives life back to refugees. I thank you so much for the work you're doing"; "Casa means Hope, Peace, New Horizons, and Victory"; "I'm a new person. I love myself more than ever, and I respect myself, and I'm proud to be who I am. Thank you, Casa, love you all"; "Casa means a lot to me, because it makes me feel happier and free. Casa will always be my first home in the US. I thank God for Casa in my life; "La gran experiencia que he visto y aprendido en Casa Marianella es: ver su mano extendida para todo aquel que necesite ser acogido y tomar su mano para ser levantado, transmitir esperanza y fuerza para poder seguir adelante."

Thank you for your work to help us uphold this vital community, to aid marginalized folks, and to provide radical hospitality to immigrants in our neighborhood. We couldn't move forward with you!

# **OVERVIEW**







Casa Marianella's legal clinic is this year's recipient of the Virtus in Lege award from the Catholic Diocese of Austin, which was awarded during the Red Mass Celebration.

Casa Marianella's legal clinic, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services (CMILS), exists to provide free immigration legal services to residents, ex-residents, and community members living under the poverty line. We have assisted many individuals with a variety of matters, including U visas, T visas, Special Immigrant Juvenile petitions, Asylum, Withholding and Convention Against Torture, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), family petitions, applications for green cards, naturalization, and applications for work permits. This past year, CMILS has been busy putting on free citizenship clinics to help eligible individuals prepare their naturalization applications at no cost; to organize general immigration clinics with Know Your Rights presentations and free attorney consultations; and to assist DACA recipients to renew their applications in free group settings. We are excited to continue our work helping some of our most vulnerable Texans. CMILS would like to say a special thank you to all of our wonderful donors! We could not do our legal work on behalf of Casa residents and the immigrant community without you.

- ELISE HARRIGER

# **ENGLISH CLASSES**

Our adult English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, which serve Casa residents and the public, are a key component of Casa's work. Our 62 volunteer teachers further Casa's mission of providing hospitality to asylum-seekers and immigrants while helping them develop self-sufficiency. Our classes contribute to our residents' trauma recovery, as we create a positive, forward-looking, and empowering atmosphere while focusing on content that will help our residents in their present situation and equip them for the future.

Refugee Services of Texas supervisors, including Kay Mailander and Jonathon Rodriguez, have taught a weekly class on psycho-social topics such as cultural shock and adjustment, addiction and recovery, responding to stress and anxiety triggers, U.S. law, LGBTQ rights, and human trafficking.

Every three months, we hold an ESL Show and Tell Night, in which students present an oral presentation on a topic of their choosing to an audience of cheering classmates and staff. The positive impact we've seen has led us to promote more student-created presentations in class.

In addition to crafting and leading their own lessons, our teachers participate in 14 hours of ESL instructor training, collaborate with colleagues at teacher meetings and planning sessions, and enthusiastically take part in Convivio and other Casa events. Our dedicated, professional, creative, and dynamic teachers are beloved for their part in creating Casa's warm, welcoming, close-knit community. We cannot speak highly enough of our teaching staff, who joyfully embrace and commit to one of Casa's most demanding volunteer positions.



- KATHLEEN P.







Bueno, para mi experiencia la bicicleta es un medio de transporte donde nos hace la vida un poco más facil, porque te ahorra dinero, tiempo, y espacio, aparte es un tanto divertido, y haces un buen ejercicio. Y cuando tienes tu primer carro que es la bicicleta es genial porque sabes que tienes algo en que moverte." - Casa Resident

## **BIKE PROGRAM**

In a city as large and sprawling as Austin, mobility becomes an immediate concern for most residents at Casa Marianella. Their first weeks and months in Austin are often marked by appointments and job searching, which take them all over the city. Access to transportation becomes crucial in our residents' process of gaining self-sufficiency. Casa has built a robust bike sharing program to address this urgent need.

Casa's bike program began about six years ago when staff and volunteers saw a need to expand transportation accessibility. The program has taken different forms throughout the years, but today, residents seeking a bike can sign up on our bike waitlist, which distributes our supply of bikes to residents in order of the day that they arrived at Casa. As soon as a bike becomes available, the next resident on the list receives the bike and a lock. Generally, residents return the bike when they move out, and we make any necessary repairs or tune-ups. Then, we pass the bike along, enabling another Casa newcomer to reach the resources, services, and job opportunities in Austin's many neighborhoods.

Residents often bring their own bike maintenance skills and can fix their bikes independently. We also receive support from staff and volunteers who graciously bolster our program with a bank of bike maintenance knowledge. Austin's Yellow Bike Project, a partner that has been fundamental to our program's growth and success, has assisted with repair tools, bike parts, and education about bike maintenance.

Bikes are one of our most sought after resources at Casa, so we always welcome donations of working bikes and bike parts, such as tubes, tires, lights, locks, and maintenance tools.

- CECELIA FORBERG



# casa salaam

When I first started working at Casa Marianella in the summer of 2015, mothers and fathers who arrived at our door with their children had to be split up. The men would stay with us at Casa Marianella, while the women and children would live at Posada Esperanza. While parents were always thankful to have a safe place to go, we all realized how unfortunate it was to separate families who had just come through a harrowing journey, spent time in immigration detention centers, and now faced the difficult process of resettlement and adjustment to a new country, language, and culture. Early in my time at Casa, I had a conversation with an Eritrean father who had a wife and a newborn baby at Posada Esperanza; his wife had given birth after they arrived in the United States, and he hated that they couldn't live together at a time when they needed each other most. I was left wishing that there was a way we could ensure two parent families who came to stay with us were able to remain intact, living, healing, and restarting their lives together rather than apart. After lots of work by our board and staff members--and many generous donations from our community--we were able to open Casa Salaam this year. Casa Salaam functions as a house with room for two whole families, who would otherwise be separated between our locations. Lots of hard work and love went into creating Casa Salaam and getting it ready for the future resident families. Just as final preparations were underfoot, a family of four from Burundi came our way. Casa Salaam offered them a safe place to call home while they adjusted to a completely new way of life, and gave them the reassurance that while they faced a very difficult time in their lives, they would be able to face it together, in peace and security. I'm honored to be a part of getting Casa Salaam off the ground and know that it will continue to serve families from all the over the world for years to come.

- ROSE MILLER

# benefits

Casa Marianella recognizes that there are numerous dimensions to an individual's experience of overall well-being; secure housing is just one component of creating a stable life in a new country. In line with our holistic approach to care within our shelter system, our Benefits Clinic focuses on health as a foundational tier of well-being. Through its Benefits Clinic, Casa Marianella provides freeof-charge services to residents, ex-residents and members of the greater Austin community to enable greater access to a wide variety of healthcare plans, programs, and low-cost medical, dental, vision, and mental healthcare options. We have helped numerous families, youth, pregnant women, and single adults access adult and children's Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), CHIP perinatal, Austin Travis County's Medical Assistance Program (MAP), Project Access, the CommUnityCare Sliding Fee Program, and ObamaCare's Health Insurance Market-Place options. We also assist in the application process for state-funded programs such as SNAP food benefits (formerly known as food stamps), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Furthermore, we partner with local refugee resettlement agencies to ensure that residents who have won asylum gain access to refugee and asylee-specific benefits. These include refugee cash assistance, additional housing and employment case management, supplemental health programs and refugee medical insurance.

We look forward to continuing our work and helping more members of the Austin immigrant community this year!

#### - KIM WIED



# **DOCTOR YAGODA**

In 1986, Casa Marianella was donated by Ed Wendler to the Diocese of Austin for use as an emergency homeless shelter in East Austin for immigrants fleeing war and oppression, Each year, the Ed Wendler Award for Outstanding Service to the Immigrant Community is presented to an organization that goes above and beyond to care for the immigrant community. This year, the Ed Wendler award was presented to Dr. Nicholas Yagoda representing CommUnityCare, a medical organization that serves the Austin community with unparalleled compassion to improve the health of the community by increasing access to the best care possible--turning no patients away. CommUnityCare's vision is to improve the health of the community by increasing access to the best care possible, working with the community as "peers with open eyes and a responsive attitude to provide the right care, at the right time, at the right place."



# ORIENTAL MEDICINE CLINIC

Our Oriental Medicine Clinic, run by Hector Kuhn Naranjo, continues to serve our residents twice a week and provide holistic and thoughtful care for various ailments. For many of our residents, this is the first time they are able to address concerns that have developed due to traumatic experiences in their lives. This is a pivotal step in the development of our residents' ability to heal. Through the intake and treatment process, medical issues are brought to light that can also be further assessed with additional medical referrals. Many residents share that they find great relief from the treatments experienced and are grateful to have such attentive and invested care for their conditions. The clinic offers acupuncture, massage, cupping, and homeopathy. With the clinic now in its 8th year, Hector also serves the larger community, by offering his services to individuals based on sliding scale.

#### - MIRIAM FIORENTINO









Dawit Fshaye welcomes me into his immaculate South Austin home on a rainy afternoon. A recorded version of the New York Half-Marathon is playing on his TV. I notice a runner's medal sandwiched between photos of two beautiful children. It's like the medal that hangs in Casa Marianella's main office, which is from the first half-marathon Dawit ran as a resident of Casa in 2013. He was 18 years old and won first in his age group without any formal training. "Casa at that time was my home," Dawit recalls with fondness.

As transplants from Ethiopia, Dawit and his wife didn't expect their journey to be easy. They made their way cautiously from Sudan to Mexico, before claiming asylum at the U.S-Mexico border near Hidalgo, Texas in 2012. After winning their asylum cases in detention, they appreciated the support and case management services they received from Casa and Caritas, who jointly helped them land their first jobs.

"I was excited," Dawit explains with enthusiasm, "to be working two jobs" — part-time as a gym cleaner, and part-time as a parking attendant. But he was eager to get back to his roots. "To run was my dream," he tells me. "In Ethiopia, I would run everywhere. As kids, no one could catch me. I wasn't good at soccer, but I could run so fast that my team — they loved me!"



Dawit proceeds to tell me about a difficult time when running really came through for him. He was 9 or 10 years old and his mother was gravely ill. Feeling the need to reach out to his extended family, Dawit ran for 3 hours from his hometown to the closest village where his family lived.

"I [wouldn't get] tired," Dawit insists of the mountainous trip, and it seems he won't be losing stamina anytime soon. He keeps up with an arduous training schedule despite working full-time and raising two small children. Having run two more half-marathons since 2013, Dawit hopes to get a full-marathon under his belt, but not before finishing his GED by the end of the year.

We finish with a discussion of what Dawit calls mental versus financial poverty. He theorizes that even when he wasn't financially secure, he undoubtedly had the power in his mind to persist and flourish, which he attributes in large part to the Casa staff. "Casa is family for me. It was the bridge for the next step. It is hard in the U.S. for newcomers; coming from detention, if you have no family, you have no direction. From Casa, I could decide to go anywhere." He chose to run forward, and he hasn't stopped since.

# AT POSADA, FOOD CARRIES MEMORIES OF HOME



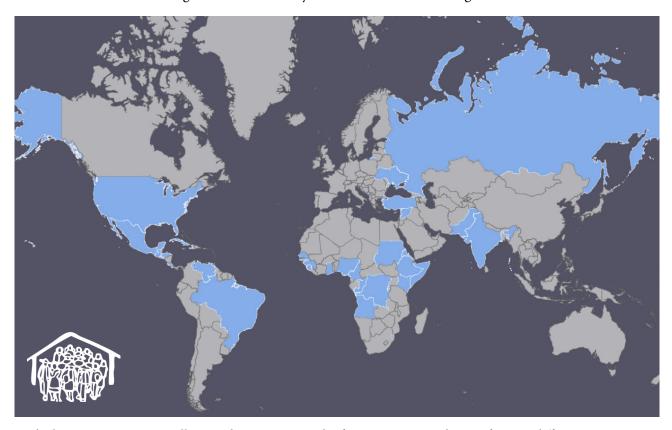
I always joke with volunteers that walk into Posada that I am constantly hungry, because someone always seems to be cooking up something delicious in one of our four houses' kitchens. And it's true, as I walk from house to house--at any time of day--there is always an enticing smell following me. With so many different countries and different regions of different countries represented in one place, there is a constant variety of foods being cooked and enjoyed. If I'm lucky, a Posada mom will bring me a plate or offer me a bite to try as she prepares dinner, and I am introduced to a flavor of another place.

The food I've tried at Posada ranges from cow skin soup to carrot enchiladas, from injera to pupusas, and from fried fish to fried bits of dough lovingly called "puff puffs." A particularly amazing cook who lived at Posada hailed from Cuba but had lived quite a while in Italy, and she made both Cuban beans and rice and every type of Italian cuisine with equal amounts of expertise and love. There have been mornings at Posada when I relied on a serving of strong Ethiopian coffee in a tiny mug to get me through a shift, and when a plate of plantains and freshly baked bread became my dinner when I forgot my own. In the house where we have our office, if my eyes start to smart out of nowhere, it is likely there are pounds of onions being chopped up in the kitchen, and if things get too smokey and the fire alarm goes off, it is likely because something delicious is being fried. What I love about trying the different dishes our moms make is that it is more than just sampling someone's cooking. Enjoying a mom's cooking at Posada is sharing in a whole world of memories and experiences that come with a certain dish prepared a certain way. For our Posada moms, cooking meals from home is one way to make home feel less far away.

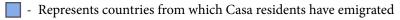
- CLARE DECK

# CASA MARIANELLA IN NUMBERS

The number of countries of origin represented by residents at Casa Marianella has drastically increased since Casa's beginnings in the 1980s. When we originally opened our doors, we primarily served Central American refugees fleeing war in their home countries. Today, we host refugees from over 40 countries spread over five continents. In this past year alone, we have served folks from 33 different countries, hailing from Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. Our patchwork, multicultural community brings food, language, music, and traditions from niches across the globe and collectively constitutes a festive melange at Casa Marianella.



In the last year, Casa Marianella served immigrants and refugees arriving in the U.S. from 33 different countries.





In the past year, Casa Marianella's adult shelter hosted 217 individuals. Of this total, 158 have exited, and 92% have successfully moved into stable housing.

Posada Esperanza has served an additional 117 residents, of which 82 people have successfully exited into sustainable housing situations.

In sum, Casa Marianella has served 334 immigrants, with a 91% success rate for exits into stable housing.

### jesuit volunteer corps

Casa Marianella and Posada Esperanza have been privileged to bring on two Jesuit Volunteers each year since 2010. The Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) is a volunteer organization that places young people at agencies serving marginalized communities in cities all over the U.S. and around the world. The Casa and Posada Jesuit Volunteers live in an intentional community with four other Jesuit Volunteers placed at other agencies in Austin and receive a monthly individual stipend, as well as a community stipend for collective expenses, including groceries, rent, and household necessities. The volunteer organization is grounded in four values that stem from the Catholic faith and the Jesuit tradition: community, social justice, simple living, and spirituality. The JVC staff members serve important roles on Casa's and Posada's teams of hardworking individuals.

Having served as a Jesuit Volunteer for the past year at Posada, I think often about how the JVC values tie into my work servings immigrants and refugees in the Austin area. At Posada, we build community through respect for and engagement with the multitude of cultures that exist under the same roof. We enact social justice values by walking in solidarity alongside the Posada women as they take on the daunting obstacles that immigrant mothers face in the United States. Simple living means sharing our resources and living spaces and finding joy in moments with one another, when all else seems to be in shortage. Finally, although Posada and Casa are not affiliated with any religious tradition, spirituality is found in listening to the stories of the residents and acknowledging that each one of them contains a universe to behold.

# YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH CASA TOO!







- CLARE DECK

# **VOLUNTEER WITH US**



"At a time when the desire to help our brothers and sisters is great, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and wonder if such small acts can really make a difference. My contributions as a driver help me feel more connected to what's happening with refugees locally and abroad and that 'we're all in this together." - Renee

We sustain the breadth of our programming through the generous help of a dedicated network of volunteers. Some folks help a few hours a month; others come by several times a week. Whatever contribution an individual can give, we are immensely grateful. The warmth and support of the people in our extended network enables our work. If you would like to pitch in at Casa Marianella, please email volunteer@casamarianella.org. We especially benefit from the help of drivers--who get our folks to appointments in Austin and San Antonio, translators--without whom we would falter, and people who like to cook--who bring joy to Casa's kitchen.



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THURSDAY IS MY DAY TO VOLUNTEER AT CASA. AS A RESULT, THURSDAYS HAVE BECOME MY FAVORITE DAY OF THE WEEK."

"Thursday is my day to volunteer at Casa. As a result, Thursdays have become my favorite day of the week. No two days are even remotely the same but what is constant is the feeling of inspiration I invariably have after my shift. I am so inspired by Casa's unbelievably brave and motivated residents but I'm equally inspired by all the smart and compassionate people who work there." - Kay

"Volunteering for Casa Marianella is heart felt and eye opening. Working with the people reinforces my notion that most people around the world, no matter where they are from, are good and caring. When you see what they go through to get here and what they have endured, that is eye opening." - Moose



# **CONVIVIO**

Every last Sunday of the month from 6pm to 8pm, we host Convivio, our celebration of community, replete with live music, dancing, and a variety of global food at Casa Marianella. Convivio originated several years ago, when we began to reach our capacity to host past-residents for dinner on a regular basis. So, we decided to gather everyone once a month—with food and music—as a festive way to keep the community together and thriving. Since then, Convivio has become a beloved Casa tradition. Convivio enables staff and volunteers to get to know each other better; provides space for residents to catch up and relax; and offers a spirited welcome to new residents. Join us at the next Convivio for some Casa-style joy!



### hosting program

Casa Marianella is excited to announce the launch of our new hosting program this year. As an extension of our current residential program, residents will have the opportunity to stay with a host family for three months, after their initial three month stay at Casa's main shelter. This will be the next step in helping residents on their way to self-sufficiency. We hope that, with the expansion of our transitional housing options, we will be able to serve more individuals who are greatly in need of our services. As the urgency and number of requests has accelerated, we are responding to the increased demand for space so that we can receive more folks through our doors.

Individuals or families in the Austin area with a spare room and bed can offer to host one or two individuals. This would be a commitment of no more than three months. Residents of the hosting program will continue to receive case management and legal services through Casa's main programming. Hosts will be supported during this time by resources, training, mentorship from past hosts, and check-ins with the hosting liaison, as well as monthly gatherings and meetings for hosts to get to know each other and exchange ideas. This is an amazing opportunity to build relationships with immigrants from all over the world and support individuals as they establish themselves in the US. Hosts will not only immediately impact the lives of their residents, but they will also provide stable foundations that will aid future generations. Our hope is that this process will help cultivate and create space for cultural exchange and understanding--we wish for everyone to experience the beautiful community and restorative love that is felt at Casa. We aspire to create a culture of hospitality that inspires folks to open their homes and hearts so that no one lacks shelter. Help us be a catalyst in this pursuit!

#### **HOW TO BECOME A HOST**

- 1. Complete the host application online.
- 2. Schedule an interview at your home with the Director and Hosting Program Liaison.
- 3. Read through our host training materials.
- 4. Participate in a training session.
- 5. Learn about the current eligible asylum seekers.
- 6. Meet the asylum seeker(s) at Casa Marianella.
- 7. Invite the asylum seeker(s) to your home for a visit.
- 8. Arrange a date for the asylum seeker(s) to move in.
- 9. Create a lifelong bond!

#### - MIRIAM FIORENTINO



### donation wishlist

#### Casa Marianella:

- Soap, shampoo, & razors
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Men's clothing
- Undergarments & socks
- Fresh fruit, veggies, & milk
- Kitchenware
- Umbrellas
- Backpacks & suitcases
- Bikes, locks, & bike lights

#### Posada Esperanza:

- Diapers size 4, 5, & 6
- Baby wipes
- Pots & pans
- Forks & spoons
- Blenders
- Blankets & beds
- Kitchen tables & chairs
- Basketballs
- Soccer balls



# K YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We are so grateful for everything you do to sustain our work! Many, many thanks to our entire community of supporters. Here's to another joyous, fruitful year of Casa Marianella!

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