### "Home away from home, without the drama and stress."

"The very first day, we were so afraid. I was really trying to be strong for the kids, they were very timid, shy and afraid to speak, now they smile and laugh. It has brought my kids and I closer together and working on our communication skills. CASFV has provided food, roof over our heads, beds, and counseling. Thank you for all of your help and respect when we first got here. It all started with Adrian and Paloma, shelter staff, in the first 5 minutes of getting here.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!"- Mother of 3

Yes, it's true that the holiday season can be a stressful time for many families, and this can be especially true for families experiencing family or sexual violence. CASFV typically sees an increase in the number of families seeking shelter during the holidays. During this time, the shelter houses an average of 56 families or 198 individuals. This increased demand for shelter is likely due to a number of factors, including increased stress levels, financial strain, and social isolation.





#### Dear Friend,

As we celebrate 2023 meaningful milestones, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible support we have received from individuals like you. Our Board of Directors and staff would like to thank each of you for your continued generosity. Your commitment to our cause has been instrumental in making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve. This past year we provided direct client services to over 5,000 individuals in our community through our Family Resource Center, Emergency Shelter, and Transitional Living Center. Our dedicated staff, interns, and volunteers assisted families with crisis intervention, advocacy, and therapy services as they began to recover from their abusive situations.

This past year we focused on various unique events to bring awareness to issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. We screened a movie and documentary to facilitate conversations with community partners about domestic violence and stalking. We continued the year with our Chalk about Love events at local area schools and finishing up the month at the County Court House, which allowed us to highlight Teen Dating Violence. The Break the Cycle event, where a father-daughter team bikes from California to El Paso provided an additional platform and funds to support our survivors in our community.

The daily challenges that our families face seem overwhelming and almost impossible to overcome. However, because of the dedicated staff, interns, and volunteers, we can provide families with the resources, tools, and skills they need to rebuild their lives one piece at a time. Despite these challenges, our families continue to amaze us with their strength, perseverance, and determination to live a life free of violence for them and their children. Your support and dedication to our mission are what make it possible to serve our community.

We are grateful for any support you can provide, and we believe that, by coming together as a community, we can make this holiday season a time of joy, compassion, and togetherness. We know it takes a village...thank you for being part of ours!!

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season filled with warmth and gratitude.

With heartfelt thanks,

Sandra Nevarez-Garcia
Executive Director



# Annual Beport

1,021 individuals received immigration assistance

3,866 hours of therapy provided to 405 adults and 104 children

338 hospital accompaniment calls for survivors of sexual assault

268 individuals received services from the Battering Intervention and Prevention Program

Income

Government Grants \$3,709,125.83
Miscellaneous Income \$34,876.45
Donated Goods \$352,712.98
Donated Services \$223,236.57
Foundations \$163,173.51
BIPP Fees \$122,574.18
Next to Nuevo Shop \$68,226.29
United Way \$65,782.61
Capital Campaign \$10,000
General Donations \$76,912.29
Fundraisers \$79,947.54

15,805 volunteer hours completed

6,363 calls were answered on the crisis Hopeline

839 individuals sought shelter, of which 442 were children

370 educational workshops conducted to 49,146
El Paso youth

3,028 adults and 539 children received services from the Family Resource Center

Expenses

Emergency Shelter \$1,823,753.40 Family Resource Center \$1,380,137.71 Sexual Assault Services \$895,158.35 Transitional Living Center \$155,493.62 BIPP \$338,475.09 Administration \$336,045.08

## \*Letter from our \*Board

### &Greetings,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of our donors, partners, staff, and friends for your support during 2023. All of the accomplishments – the many women, men, and children saved from domestic abuse and sexual assault, offered a safe place to live, counseling, outreach to rural communities, and services that would not have been possible without your support.

Highlights for the year included fundraisers such as DVAM-Movie Night, Break the Cycle, and Puro Empower. Puro Empower honored the work of County Attorney JoAnn Bernal and the Protective Order Unit. Thank you to Mattress Firm for donating 66 mattresses to the shelter. Friends and donors donated school supplies to start the new school year. Donors also purchased swimsuits and swim equipment so the children living at the shelter could enjoy pool time at the City's swim parks.

We also added some new programs such as providing sexual respect and support groups at Aliviane. We worked with the County and District Attorney's office to provide new staff with information about what we do and the services we offer. We work with Planned Parenthood to provide monthly screenings and exams for our clients. The Junior League of El Paso also supplies the shelter with new books, monthly specialized activities for children, and a sensory gym.

But you, our donors, friends, and partners are the key to everything we do. Thank you for your support and confidence in our work and for affecting positive change in the lives of our community and families. We hope we can continue to count on you in 2024.

With immense gratitude,

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Leah Masters
Board President