Casa de los Pobres USA
Summer Newsletter 2025

Hello and Greetings from the Casa de los Pobres!
The Sisters and members of the Board hope you are enjoying the summer! August is a busy month at the Casa when annual maintenance projects are done, and necessary repairs are made. August is also when the Sisters request back-to-school supplies for the children and teenagers. Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, so by providing school supplies we can greatly impact change. Providing the children with backpacks, school supplies, shoes and socks, food for breakfast and lunch, and scholarships enabling them to attend school is all made possible through your donations! Thank you!

School supplies can also be dropped-off at Our Lady of Refuge Church, our collection site for donations. Our Lady of Refuge Church is located at 4226 Jewell Street (corner of Jewell and Oliver Streets), in Pacific Beach, 92109.

Enter the parking lot on Oliver Street. Donations can be dropped-off from 8:30AM until 3:00PM on Mondays and Tuesdays. Marissa in the office (white building with bright blue trim) will assist you with your donations.
If you need another time to bring donations, please call/text Caroline Kelner at (858) 761-7744 or email at CasadelosPobresUSA@gmail.com

A big thank you to Addison, Sarah, and the students at Westview High School who collected new backpacks and school supplies for the children of the Casa!

Please consider organizing a back-to-school drive at your church and/or school to help the children of the Casa, and/or food drives to help the Casa provide nourishment to the poor! The food received at the Casa is often the only food many people will have to eat for the day. Thank you!

We also want to thank the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish for their monthly food drives for the Casa de los Pobres!

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Sincerely,
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Please note that the Sisters can only get permits to transport the following items: canned foods and dried foods (nothing can be past the expiration date), new clothing and new shoes, diapers (baby, toddler, and adult), medical supplies (Band-Aids, bandages, skin cleansers, antibiotic ointments, bandage tape, walkers, wheelchairs, canes, crutches, waterproof pads for the bed, unexpired cold & arthritis medications, and vitamins). School supplies, toys, bars of soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, and other hygiene items. Linens, bedding & towels (do not need to be new, but please be clean and in good repair)

WE CANNOT ACCEPT, cannot get permits, cannot transport, and will be fined for: household goods, used clothes or used shoes, construction materials, anything with an electrical plug, no fresh fruit/vegetables are allowed. Thank you for understanding!

To receive a tax-receipt for donations dropped off at Our Lady of Refuge Church, please email Caroline at CasadelosPobresUSA@gmail.com

Thank you to Mrs. Martinez, the students and parents at The Nativity School for their wonderful Easter donations! The Easter bags brought special joy to the children of the Casa!

The Million Meal Event on June 14th at Cathedral Catholic High School was a huge success! Thank you to all who volunteered to pack the meals!

Please “Save the Date” for our Festa-Fiesta with the Sisters and Father Gil Gentile’s homemade pasta dinner! Friday, October 10th, at Our Lady of Grace, 6PM Mass with dinner to follow in the hall.

During the summer months, donations traditionally decrease. The Sister's continue to provide services every day. If possible, we would like to humbly request an additional donation during this time. We would like to thank you all for your continued support to the Sisters and their lifesaving work at the Casa de los Pobres!

P.S. The Casa de los Pobres USA is now a Charity Navigator 4-Star (highest rating), and Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency (highest rating) non-profit charity! 😊

Photos:

School Supplies – Sister & little boy

Addison & Sarah Backpacks from Westview High School

Blessed Sacrament monthly food drives (3 photos)

Festa-Fiesta (2 photos)

Million Meal Event – Sister, little girl with food packet.

Easter donations – Claudia Martinez at The Nativity School