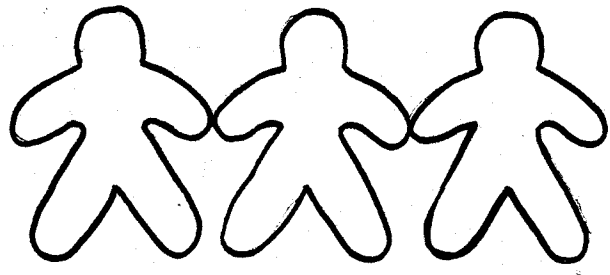


Casa Caller



THE CASA CALLER

Casa de Amigos
House of Friends

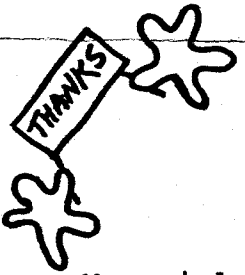
928 N. Dallas
Midland, Texas

September, 1977

MARCIA INGRAM, DIRECTOR

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WE BEGIN WITH THANKS to:



Jim and Helen Estes who invited our senior citizens out to their farm for a delightful summer picnic. Mrs. Gerry Sloan and Stephen Spain from First Christian Church helped with the arrangements, and the SCS Club furnished the meal.

The Senior High youth of St. Luke's Methodist Church who made it possible for three youngsters to attend camp in Sweetwater.

Memorial Christian Church, which sponsored 10 youngsters for summer camp at Lake Brownwood.

The Pickwick Players of Midland Community Theatre, for providing tickets for 55 children to attend the summer theater productions.

Eastside Lions Club for assisting with a senior citizens outing.

John Savage and members of the Quaker Church for repairs to Casa de Ninos.

All the many churches who are furnishing lunches for our weekly senior citizen luncheon.

Church Women United who are now furnishing the monthly birthday cake.

Memorial Christian for the flower arrangements provided our senior having birthdays each month.



WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE Harry Clark and Fred Kester for the fine job they have done on Hillcrest, the senior citizen housing project. Six of our seniors are due to move in this month. 160 families applied for the 100 available units. We hope this will indicate the need for another such facility.

As of this writing, Rental Assistance in Midland is on "hold." The City of Midland has submitted its Community Development proposal minus Section Eight, Rental Assistance. We at Casa have seen the beneficial effects Community Development Funds have had on east and south Midland. The housing rehabilitation program has been particularly important. There are still many deserving families who were not included in this year's program because of the program's lack of funds. We are all hopeful that the funds will be available for them next year.

CASA MAINTAINS A DISCRETIONARY FUND to help families with emergency needs. Some of these needs include rent, utilities, food, doctor & medicine, etc. We are just about to deplete the fund. If you would like to help, we would appreciate any donation earmarked for the Discretionary Fund. Examples of the use of that fund:

- *A mother with three children whose husband was recently killed
- *Rent was paid for a lady who is partially blind and is undergoing eye surgery.
- *Utilities paid for a lady who is the sole support of her family and whose daughter underwent open heart surgery.
- *Doctor bill paid for a senior citizen who needed a specialist, but the doctor did not accept Medicare-Medicaid.

AS IF WE'D LET YOU FORGET! Public Transportation is still a great need in Midland. Casa furnished transportation for 1,050 persons in July and 1,150 during August.

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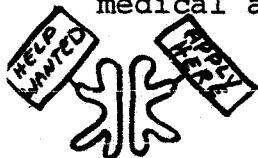


CASA DE AMIGOS will again sponsor a tutoring program for children in northeast Midland this year. The program will begin Sept. 20 and extend until December 16. Tutoring sessions will be held on Mon./Wed. and Tues/Thursday from 2:45 until 4:45. We are very much in need of tutors. The primary goal is the social and academic development of the children enrolled in the program. The children will be screened to determine the level at which they are working; appropriate materials will then be made available for the use of the tutor. Tutoring is done on a one-to-one basis, with consultants available if the tutors feel the need for assistance.

This year we are also in need of volunteers to tutor junior high school students through our PACE program. PACE provides guidance and counseling services for the dropout and potential dropout. We could especially benefit by the presence of male tutors in this program. Tutoring for PACE will be on Tuesday and Thursday, 5:00-6:00 PM. John Savage will be the supervisor.

ORIENTATION FOR TUTORING will be held September 27 from 2:30 to 4:30 at Casa de Ninos, 906 N. Dallas. We are also in need of substitutes. If you could spare some time to fill this very important need, call Casa at 682-9701 for more information. Due to our very fine staff of volunteers last year, the average child in the tutoring program progressed 1 1/2 years growth in 7 months. Reading skills were emphasized and substantial growth was made in this area. We accepted only children who were working below grade level. We will miss Barbara Truesdale who has served as consultant and tutor in the program during the last 2 1/2 years.

TWO NEW VOLUNTEERS are now staffing our senior citizen monthly screening clinic: Peggy Beauchamp and Jo Ann Peterson have extensive nursing backgrounds and are very much appreciated. This clinic is a vital program; in August, one-fourth of all the people seen were referred for further medical attention.



NEEDED: INSTRUCTORS to devote 2 1/2 hours a week for sewing classes. Our goal is to have one-on-one instruction in basic dressmaking skills on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

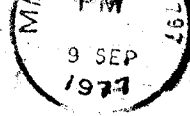
THE CASA DE AMIGOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS recently endorsed the creation of a Hospital District and the bond election to raise \$10 million to finance the hospital expansion project. At the present time facilities are woefully inadequate. (In one wing of the hospital 30 patients must share one tub.) The conditions at the hospital are directly related to Midland's ability to attract qualified physicians and nurses. At the present time the hospital pays \$600,000 for indigent care and bad debts. Consequently sick people who can pay are forced to pay for those who cannot. Through the bond election this burden will be borne equitably by everyone in the district. The hospital district is a political subdivision similar to the Midland Junior College District. These improvements to the hospital would result in the following approximate costs to the taxpayer:



Home Valuation of \$10,000:	\$11.25 annually
\$30,000:	\$33.75 annually
\$50,000:	\$56.25 annually

This very special issue will be decided by Midland voters on September 17.

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