



Casa de Amigos
The House of Friends
921 No. Dallas
Midland, Texas
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Shall I prostrate myself
Before the minds of men
or walk upright -
alone lonely
and be Who I Am!
alone
lonely.

D. Rowe Lindsley

Director: Marcia Ingram

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SERVICE IS THE FOUNDATION AT CASA DE AMIGOS. In 1973, we served 1278 families. In 1974, calls for help from families increased to 1884. Total number of individuals served in 1973 - 2,073; In 1974, this figure increased to 3,768. Assistance was given in 1974 to a grand total of 19,695 individuals. Casa received an average of 65 calls per day for people in need. Ten of those are for transportation.

SUMMER PROGRAM: Beginning on June 17th, summer activities will continue for six weeks, meeting on Tues. wed. and Thurs. from 10-11:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Center. As always, volunteers are needed for all areas. Plans include pre-school, singing, dancing, sewing, boy and girls activities, arts and crafts. Could you give two hours a week? Ricardo Torres and Alfredo Rey will again conduct a Chicano Studies Series.

TRANSPORTATION: Through the generosity of Ken Jordan at Avis Rent-A-Car, a car was furnished to Casa for three years. In January, because of economic reasons, the car was withdrawn. Casa is now leasing a Toyota in order to furnish much needed transportation for senior citizens and others who call upon us. This cost was not expected and adds another pinch on Casa pennies (and dollars too).

TUTORING: A big thank you to all of our tutors and supervisors who did such a great job with our children the past two semesters. A real bond is forged between the child and the tutor. Tutors: Faye Marier, Raymond Reyes, Ann Hellinghausen, Randy Kijmal, Scott Stoval, George Harben, Steven Stovall, Susie Hood, Mike Bozzell, Mary Boe, Kathleen Porter, Steve Sides, Kristi Westbrook, Kim McClatchy, Julie Roberts, Jessie Gillmore, Renee Pomroy, Parla Kline, Bissy Metcalf, Lu Ann Welch. Supervisors: Carolyn Winkler, Biddy Welch, Celeste Faskin, Jane Riddle, Florence Mailey and Coordinator, Helen Bellows.

DISCRETIONARY FUND: As you know, Midland has been swamped with people looking for work. This caused a severe strain on employment for these families as well as local people. Your donations to our Discretionary Fund are set aside for emergency needs. It is spent on medical care, medicine, utilities, food, children's shoes and rent. We are grateful to the following people who have contributed to this fund:

Jan Faust
Mr. & Mrs. George Dye
St. Ann's Catholic Church
Hazel R. Floks
1st Methodist Friendship Class
Mrs. C. B. Nutter

Jane & Dean Wolf
Mr. & Mrs. Bill McWilliams
First Christian Church
Hope Lutheran Church
Midland Asso. of Churches
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

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WELCOME: Socorro Ruiz (Neca). Neca has 4 children, 3 boys and 1 girl. A member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, she grew up in Midland. She returned from Idaho after the death of her husband. She is a welcome addition to the helping hands at Casa. Neca once attended nursing school and would like to return to training. She is presently taking a night course in typing at Carver Community Center.

THE CASA CALLER . . .

SENIOR CITIZENS: Many thanks to the following churches and individuals for furnishing hot meals to approximately 25 senior citizens:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Mrs. Charles Cerf
Salvation Army
Sally Whitely & friends
St. Luke's Methodist Church
First Christian Church
Memorial Christian Church
Grace Lutheran Church

Mrs. George Veloz
Connors Drive Inn
Trinity Presbyterian Church
First Methodist Church
Christ Presbyterian Church
Crestview Baptist Church
Hope Lutheran Church
Jerry Sloan's Study Club

Also, a special thanks to Joe McAdams who showed slides on medicinal plants of South Texas and Mexico...the tables were somewhat turned when some of the women gave him some remedies and uses that were new to him. Thanks to Mrs. Trout, Midland County Library, for showing a Spanish film on the history of Mexico. A special treat is the bingo played after lunch. Do you have bric-a-brac, white elephants or such that would be suitable prizes. We can always use them.

Ten of our senior citizens recently attended a meeting of the city council hoping to express the need for senior citizen housing. We would like to commend the Midland Housing Authority, Harry Clark, Chairman and Fred Kester, Executive Director, for their efforts devoted to this project.

PLEAS! PLEASE! Previous calls for help with the Boys Club have fallen on deaf ears. Warren Chapman needs someone to assist during the summer with transportation for his boys club on Saturdays. He has been faithful to these boys so long without help. Can you share part of your weekend?

HEALTH CARE: Action Line, Salvation Army and Casa met recently with the Midland County Medical Association to discuss problems relating to health care for low income families. We look forward to meeting with their representatives periodically to find constructive steps that can be taken to improve health care for the needy.

GRACIAS, GRACIAS:

En Amie Review Club - money for easy to read children's books.
Tom Nix - furnishing a stove to a needy family.
Mrs. Conrad McCain - playpen
Mr. & Mrs. George Dye - electric coffee pot for senior citizens.
Kappa Kappa Iota Upsilon - tutoring materials.
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Johnny's Bar-B-Q - furnishing senior citizens meal.
Salvation Army - " " " "
Kenneth Tudor, Economy Supply - hot water heater for Casa de Ninos Bldg.

KNITTING & CROCHETING: Classes for Senior Citizens and others continue on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. with Mrs. Refugio Loweli, instructor.

CASA BOARD: ^{ALLIANCE BOARD ENT} New officers elected in May to the Casa Board of Directors are:

President: Don Hellinghausen
Vice Chairman, Finance: Don Jones
Vice Chairman, Program: Mrs. J. R. Sheeler
Vice Chairman, Property: Tom Hill
Secretary: Cathy Stamp
Treasurer: Paul Lavery, Sr.
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ENGLISH CLASSES: A Program of English Classes sponsored by St. Nicholas Episcopal Church will resume on September 8th. Jim Shaw and John Baird have been teaching a night class. This is a good opportunity for men to get a better understanding of English so they can secure better employment. Virginia Campbell and Rosita White have been teaching the afternoon classes. Thanks to all.

Editor's Note: Casa de Amigos offers a friendship of concern and commitment to the community. The Casa Caller tries to communicate this to others. When you respond in even the smallest way, it helps.