



The Crisis House Connector

June 2021 Newsletter

Sexual Violence & Pride Month



"For ALL Survivors"

Crisis House works to eliminate all forms of sexual and domestic violence. The month of June – Pride Month – reminds San Diegans to be aware of and to help to stop incidents of sexual assault in the LGBTQI+ community.

Pride Month is a movement that celebrates sexual diversity. For lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQI+) people it is a way of promoting their dignity, equal rights, self-affirmation and is a way of increasing society's awareness of the issues they face.

LGBTQI+ individuals face increased risks of sexual assault. In fact, according to the CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 44% of lesbians and 61% of bisexual women experience sexual violence from a partner. LGBTQI+ individuals face unique challenges to healing from sexual assault due to barriers to access to resources, especially medical and legal

resources.

Crisis House offers emergency housing, confidential counseling, services to ALL survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

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ECHC serves the Santee Riverbed



"We as a community are only as strong as our weakest link."

Crisis House's East County Housing Connections (ECHC) Homeless Outreach Mobile Outreach Team provides services to those who are most vulnerable and often forgotten in our community. Every Thursday morning, ECHC and the County of San Diego team up to provide resources to clients living in the Santee riverbeds.

The number of homeless people camping in and around Santee has increased over the past year, according to a recent report. In fact, for the entire 15.5 miles of the San Diego River bed, from Santee to the Pacific Ocean, the count of homeless people came in at an estimated 201, compared to 158 in 2020.

Although the process of transforming the life of someone experiencing homelessness is often long and nuanced, Crisis House helps individuals secure identification cards and other legal documents.

Thanks to supporters like you, in 2020 Crisis House was able to permanently house **78 individuals, including 21 children** experiencing chronic homelessness who would otherwise not have access to shelter.

We are so proud of our ECHC Mobile Outreach Team and grateful to all of those who have donated to make this dream a reality!

[I want to save people through housing!](#)

Photo (above): Jon Ortega, ECHC Mobile Outreach Team

Camp HOPE is grateful for healthcare support!



Camp HOPE Summer Camp 2021 is coming soon!

This summer, despite the Covid-19 outbreak, Camp HOPE is committed to providing our community's kids with a transformative and healing camping experience.

Your help has made our camp goals possible!

Thanks to **Sharp Grossmont Hospital**, we are able to guarantee the safety and wellbeing of our kids this summer! Jason Broad, VP of Performance, Support Services, and Behavioral Health at Sharp Grossmont Hospital has collaborated with **Abbott BinaxNOW** to provide Crisis House with 200 Rapid Antigen Tests for all youth, volunteers, and staff attending Camp HOPE summer camp!

For more information about Camp HOPE summer camp, please contact our Camp HOPE Program Manager, Yolanda Ruiz at (619) 444-9925 or yolanda@crisishouse.org.

Thank you for all you do to support Crisis House!

[Inspired to support Camp HOPE in other ways?](#)
[Click here to see how you can help!](#)

Meet our Crisis House team



Photo (above): Kathleen Houck, Crisis House - Program Director

This month, we are happy to highlight team member Kathleen "Kathi" Houck for her leadership and contribution to our Crisis House family.

"Thank you, Kathi!"

Kathi is Crisis House's Director of Programs, overseeing all programs and services that Crisis House offers including our Journey Domestic Violence, Homeless, and Camp HOPE programming.

Kathi's 20+ years of experience with homeless program administration with the City of San Diego Housing Commission makes her a knowledgeable and experienced asset to our organization.

Thank you, Kathi, for your meaningful contribution to Crisis House throughout the past two years!

Fun Fact: Kathi enjoys reading, music, walking on the beach, travel, and working on fiber art.

Please join us in celebrating Kathi's accomplishments at Crisis House!

Star Supporter Spotlight



Crisis House extends a very special thank you to the **East San Diego County Christian Fellowship** for their continuous support through monthly donations!

It is because of consistent monthly donations from donors like the East SD County Christian Fellowship that Crisis House is able to serve our community through housing and supportive services.

Thank you for your consistency and dedication to changing lives through housing!



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Here's a reminder to **follow** and "**like**" us on social media! We are on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Click on the icons below to join in on the action online! We'd love to share our stories with you.

Please **share** our posts with your community, as well!





*Crisis House remains committed to serving those experiencing homelessness
and domestic violence abuse at our new location:*

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