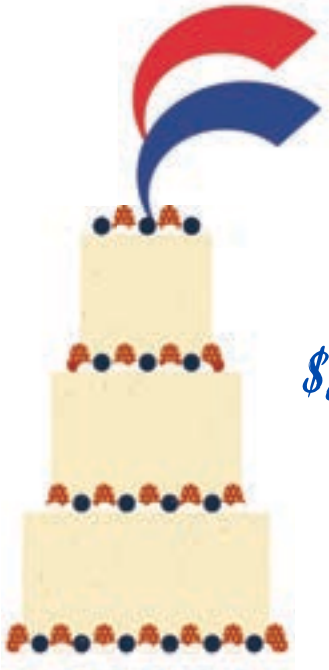
APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Amistad
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1976

THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CONTINUES!

We are more than halfway to our goal! Help us reach our birthday goal by April 14th. We are seeking corporate sponsors, donors and peer fundraisers who can help us continue our Mission. Get involved today!



$45,000
GOAL

$26,266.79
CURRENT

GET INVOLVED, SUPPORT OUR MISSION!

45th BIRTHDAY

In honor of our 45th birthday, we are asking the community to help us put a virtual candle on our birthday cake! For every $1,000 we raise, one candle will go on our cake! Our goal is to raise $45,000 in 45 days, from March 1st through April 14th. Here's how you can help:

Donate $45 or any other amount you can contribute.

Help us fundraise - gather a group of friends or colleagues and have them reach out to their contacts for donations.

Share our fundraiser on your social media using #Amistad45 and tagging Amistad.

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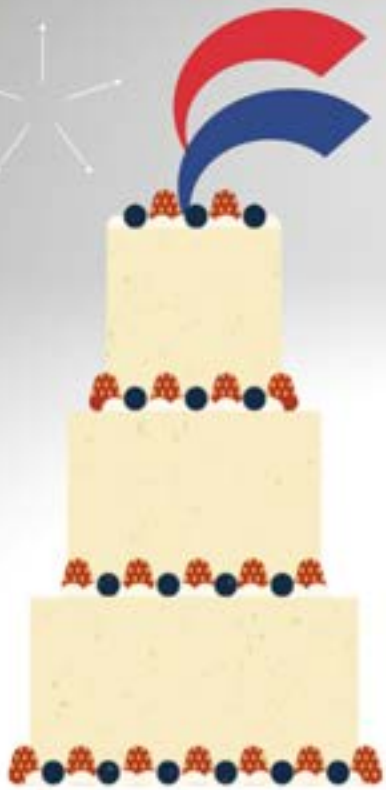
Corporate sponsorship packages available - for information contact Vianey Esparza at vesparza@projectamistad.org

All funds will go towards our Client Health and Welfare Fund, which supports all of our social service programs and helps meet our clients' basic needs such as clothing, food, personal hygiene products, employee COVID-19 morale and more. At Amistad, we serve some of the most vulnerable populations including the elderly, persons with disabilities, veterans, and persons at-risk. Our Mission is to advocate, connect and deliver social services to communities, ensuring a dignified and meaningful life for all. You can be part of our Mission, get involved and make a difference in your community!

Donations can be made online at www.projectamistad.org/donate or a check can be written out to Project Amistad and mailed to 3210 Dyer St. El Paso, TX 79930.



45th
BIRTHDAY

Thank you for celebrating with us!

TOP SPONSORS:

BANK OF AMERICA

HUB

UNITED BANK
of EL PASO DEL NORTE

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BIRTHDAY

Thank you for celebrating with us!

BIRTHDAY CAKE
SPONSORS:

The Electric Company
El Paso Electric

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BIRTHDAY

Thank you for celebrating with us!

BIRTHDAY CANDLE
SPONSORS:

Access Care
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DR. SHAWNA SCULLY

45th
BIRTHDAY

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FROSTING SPONSORS:

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YVONNE RODRIGUEZ

OSCAR LOY

TRANSPORTATION TO COVID-19 VACCINE MEGA-SITES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS

Through an existing contract with the County of El Paso, Amistad is now offering transportation services to and from COVID-19 vaccine mega-sites for residents living outside El Paso city limits.

Requirements:

- Must live outside of El Paso city limits
- Must have confirmed appointment for COVID-19 vaccine
- Must provide a 24-hour notice to schedule trip

This service is in addition to providing transportation to COVID-19 testing sites to county residents. The partnership is in an effort to connect and deliver services to those who do not have the means to accessible transportation.

Please call 915-532-3415 to schedule a trip to a COVID-19 vaccination or testing site.

FOCUS GROUP WITH CONGRESSWOMAN VERONICA ESCOBAR

Chief Executive Officer, Andrea Ramirez, participated in a focus group with Congresswoman Veronica Escobar to discuss how the organization, as a nonprofit, has been impacted by COVID-19 and the services Amistad has provided to the community during the last year.

The focus group also included local residents, small business owners, and healthcare workers, who have been affected by the pandemic. The resources that will be available through the American Rescue Plan were a key point of the conversation.

AMISTAD COLLECTED HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR ELDERLY CLIENTS

Amistad's VISTA Program and El Paso Community College's Respiratory Care Technology Program partnered to collect adult diapers, sizes small, medium, and extra-large, as well as other hygiene items. A total of **418 adult diaper bags** were collected during the donation drive! These essential items are always in high-demand, therefore Amistad always welcomes donations. Visit us at 3210 Dyer or call 915-298-1104 to schedule or drop off donations.

AMISTAD WELCOMES ACCESS 2 CARE

Access2Care spent a week training call center agents on-site, in preparation of the upcoming transfer of the Managed Transportation Organization (MTO) Program.

Access2Care is a Global Medical Response company who offers medical care services and technologies, including managed transportation, online medical-transport ordering, transfer center coordination, nurse navigation and ET3 partnerships.

Access2Care

A Global Medical Response Solution

AMISTAD CARES UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTINUES

Amistad continues taking applications for the AmistadCARES Utility Assistance Program. The program can provide up to 12 months of assistance to cover past-due water, gas, and electric bills.

Who qualifies?

Households with incomes no more than 80% of area median income (AMI)* meeting the following conditions:

- One or more individuals in the household has:
  - Qualified for unemployment benefits **OR**
  - Has experienced a reduction in household income,
  - Incurred significant costs,
  - Experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the COVID-19 pandemic, **AND**
  - Has received a past due utility notice

Requirements:

- Must reside within the City of El Paso limits
- Have an active and verifiable account with the utility company
- Must reside within the property for which the assistance is being requested
- Must NOT be receiving utility assistance from other sources

**AMI income limits depend on the number of persons in the family. Based on El Paso, TX HUD Metro FMR Area:*

1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*
33,000.00	*$ 37,700.00*	*$ 42,400.00*	*$ 47,100.00*	*$ 50,900.00*	*$ 54,650.00*	*$ 58,450.00*	*$ 62,200.00*

How To Apply:

- Download the application online and fill out
- Call 915-298-7307 (select option 1 + option 1 + zip code) to schedule an appointment

www.projectamistad.org/amistadcares

https://youtu.be/Bh_udgJRGgg

NATIONAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Amistad celebrated #NationalEmployeeAppreciationDay with exciting giveaways, donuts & coffee, snacks and "thank you's" for continued work and resiliency throughout the pandemic. We are thankful for all of our employees and their consistent commitment & passion to make Amistad a Center of Excellence!

Thank You!

VITALANT EMPLOYEE BLOOD DRIVE

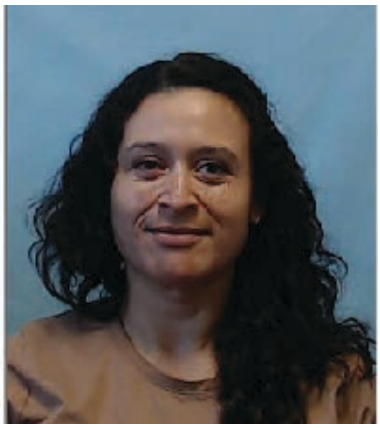
Amistad's quarterly blood drive donation in partnership with Vitalant brought in **19 pints** of life saving-blood! Service is a core value at Amistad and our staff leads by serving and setting the example for others to follow. Thank you for your commitment to giving back to our community in more than one way!

AMISTAD CELEBRATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

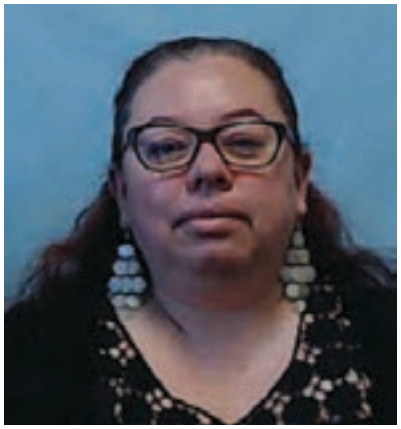
Rosa Payan
Front Desk Receptionist

New Staff
WELCOME!



Julia Saenz
Driver

Richard Flores
Intensive Case Manager



Claudia Taylor
Intensive Case Manager

WELCOME!

Mr. Xavier Bañales will be assisting Amistad's Transportation Department part-time with the Far West Texas/El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (WTEP) program.

Xavier Bañales
WTEP / Transportation Network Coordinator

Transfer Staff

Welcome to Guardianship!

Carmen Ward
Data Entry Analyst

Marta Bryant
Accounting Specialist

Priscylla Poventud
Intensive Case Manager

Congrats to Priscylla on graduating with her Bachelor's degree in Social Psychology!

Happy Birthday!

4/2 Abraham Camacho
4/13 Ernesto Meza
4/15 Beatriz Arguelles
4/17 Gerardo Blanco
4/18 Chanah Schwartz
4/23 Eddie Harris
4/29 Marta Bryant
4/29 Rosa Reyes

Anniversaries

1 year	Diana Garcia
1 year	Blanca Quesada
1 year	Christina Velez
4 years	Sandy Reyes
6 years	Jose Martinez
7 years	Rudy Zanudo
8 years	Raul Portillo
9 years	Elsa Dominguez
14 years	Rosa Reyes

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