

# MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A heartfelt Thank You to all of our sponsors, donors and staff for celebrating our 45th birthday and supporting our Mission. Together, we surpassed our \$45,000 goal with a total of \$83,960! Their generous contributions will allow Amistad to continue serving the El Paso community and make a positive impact for thousands of persons with disabilities, veterans, elderly, and persons at-risk.



**\$83,960**  
FINAL

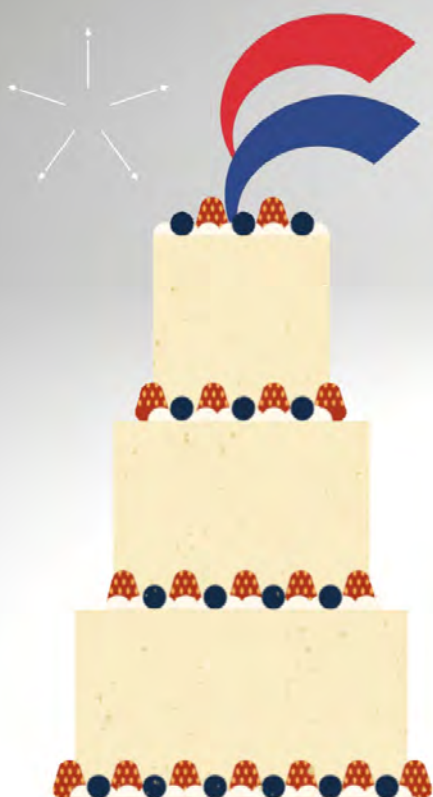
**\$45,000**  
GOAL

# AMISTAD 45TH BIRTHDAY SPONSORS



All funds 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, supports our employee COVID-19 morale activities and more.

At Amistad, our Mission is to advocate, connect and deliver social services to communities, ensuring a dignified and meaningful life for all. With the support of our sponsors and donors, we can continue this Mission.



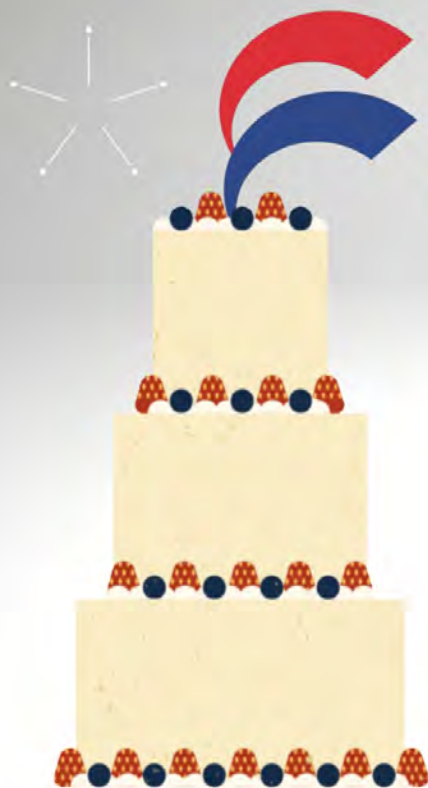
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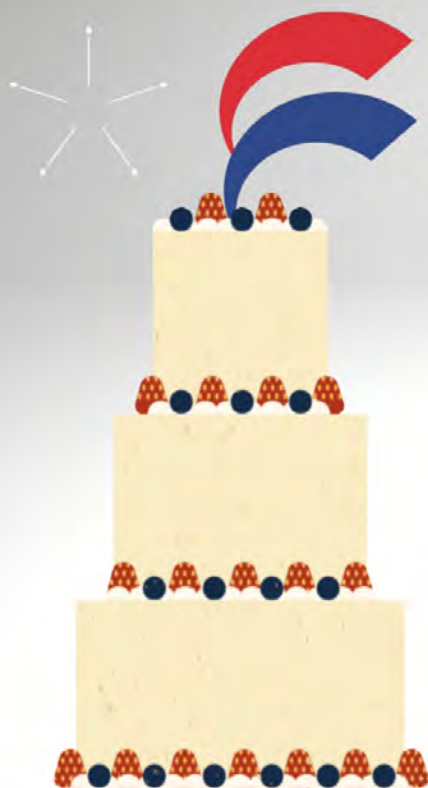




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BIRTHDAY CAKE  
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**BIRTHDAY CANDLE SPONSORS:**



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**FROSTING SPONSORS:**



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KENDRA SCOTT

Thank you to Kendra Scott for partnering with Amistad through their Kendra Scott Give Back program. Amistad received 20% of all sales from April 7th & 8th, for a total of \$807 towards our Client Health and Welfare Fund!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FUNDRAISER WINNERS!

During our 45th Birthday Fundraiser, Amistad held a fundraising competition among staff. Amistad staff created teams and reached out to donors to support our fundraising efforts, helping us surpass our goal!

### AND THE WINNERS ARE...

1st Place Team: Guardianship Team

2nd Place Team: The Fundtastics

1st Place Individual: Edna Rios

2nd Place Individual: Marisela Padilla

3rd Place Individual: Rosa Payan



Prizes for the winners included jewelry, courtesy of Kendra Scott, and a gas grill courtesy of Lowe's.

# DONATION DRIVE-THRU BIRTHDAY PARADE

To celebrate 45 years of serving El Paso and Far West Texas, Amistad invited the community to a donation drive-thru birthday parade, to help raise funds for the agency. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped us fundraise!



A special thank you to Sign Dreamers for donating a beautiful birthday sign and to Amerigroup for sponsoring delicious birthday cookies!





# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Amistad staff has been working continuously throughout the pandemic to provide essential services to our community. To thank our staff and to celebrate 45 years of service, our team enjoyed a well-deserved evening of fun with hamburgers and hot dogs, dessert, live music and raffle prizes!



The Ryan G. Band brought the tunes to the celebration!





Amistad staff won raffle prizes courtesy of Raising Canes, Topgolf, Alamo Drafthouse, Elizabeth Ibarra - Tupperware, and Wyndham Hotels!



Thank you to our sponsors United Bank, ESEI, Mr. Xavier Bañales, and our Board President - Chief Justice Yvonne Rodriguez, for joining us!









# AMISTAD IS HIRING!

Amistad held a job fair on April 27 for immediate job vacancies for various full-time and temporary positions. Due to an increased demand for the services Amistad provides to the community, we are in need of filling these positions. We encourage people to apply to become part of the Amistad Staffing Center of Excellence and give back to the community through the work we do on a daily basis.



Amistad is hiring for the following positions:

- Transportation Drivers
- Intensive Case Managers
- Veterans Counselor

Our partner, Access2Care, is hiring for the following positions housed at Amistad:

- Transportation Coordinator
- Care Coordinator I
- Care Coordinator II
- Care Coordinator III

Apply online with Amistad:

<https://projectamistad.org/employment/>

Apply online with Access2Care:

<https://access2care-careers-gmr.icims.com/jobs/search?ss=1&searchLocation=-12827-El+Paso>



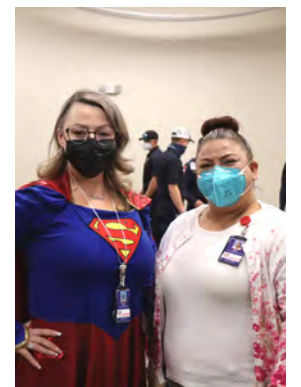
# AMISTAD PARTNERS WITH ALON/7-11

Amistad has partnered with Alon/7-11 to help raise funds for our Client Health and Welfare Fund. Donations are vital to our agency and any amount helps. Find Amistad donation cans at all participating Alon/7-11 stores from May 1st to May 31st!



## AMISTAD HOLDS COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

On April 29, Amistad held a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for clients, staff, family, and the community at large. In honor of Amistad staff who lost a loved one due to COVID-19, and in an effort to help inoculate more people, Amistad partnered with the Texas State Office of Emergency Management to administer Pfizer vaccines for persons 16 years of age and older.



# 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



## COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF

Need help paying for utilities?

# Amistad CARES

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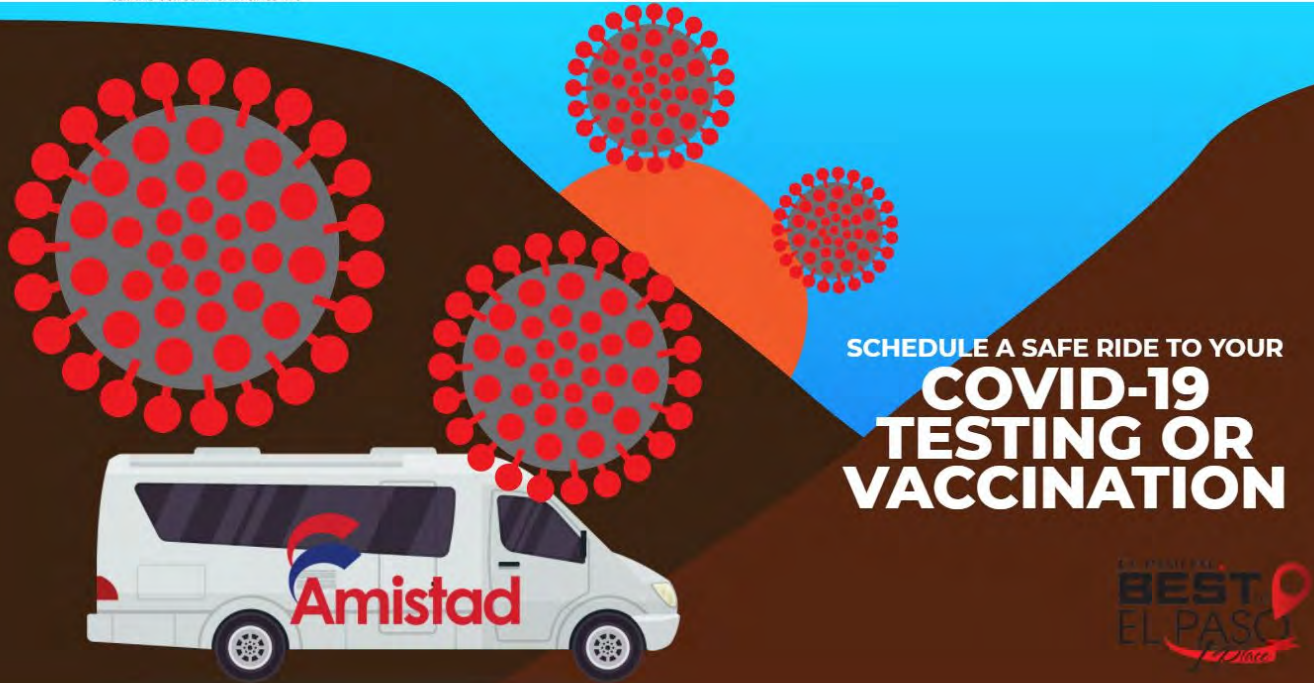
CAREERS

MEDIA

EVENTS

CONTACT

DONATE NOW



Amistad has a new website! Our website redesign is part of our Strategic Plan to strengthen the Amistad brand through existing marketing toolkits to increase communication, education, and outreach regarding the breadth and impact of Amistad mission and programs. Stay up to date with Amistad programs, services, and news by visiting [www.projectamistad.org](http://www.projectamistad.org).

## COMMUNITY IMPACT



"I am very thankful for Amistad, Ms. Taylor and all the staff who have helped me along the way. This has truly been life changing for me." - Irvin Butler

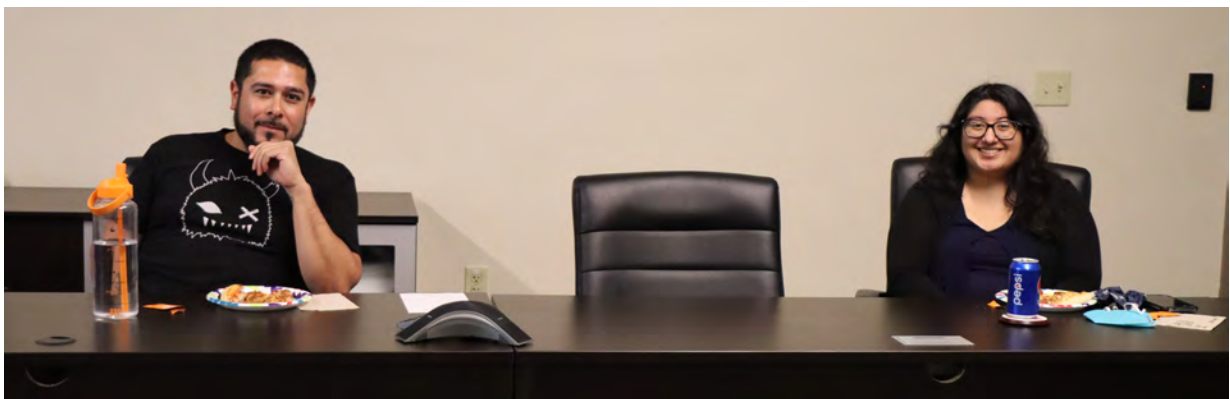
Meet Mr. Ervin Butler, a client from our Camino a Casa Program, a partnership with the City of El Paso and other local organizations. Together, we are addressing homelessness in our community.

Mr. Butler had been residing at different shelters, and he was referred to Amistad from the Delta Center. Our Intensive Case Manager, Claudia Taylor, worked with Mr. Butler to find him an apartment and connected him to other community resources to help him acquire furniture and additional transportation. Through the program, Mr. Butler was also able to increase his hours at his current job, and he is now working on a 90-day program to continue to improve his quality of life.



# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

In April, we celebrated our volunteers with an appreciation lunch. Our VISTA team, Valeria and Chris, work closely with all our volunteers to help meet the different needs of the agency. We appreciate our volunteers for choosing to help Amistad and for all the work they do to keep moving our Mission forward. Thank you!



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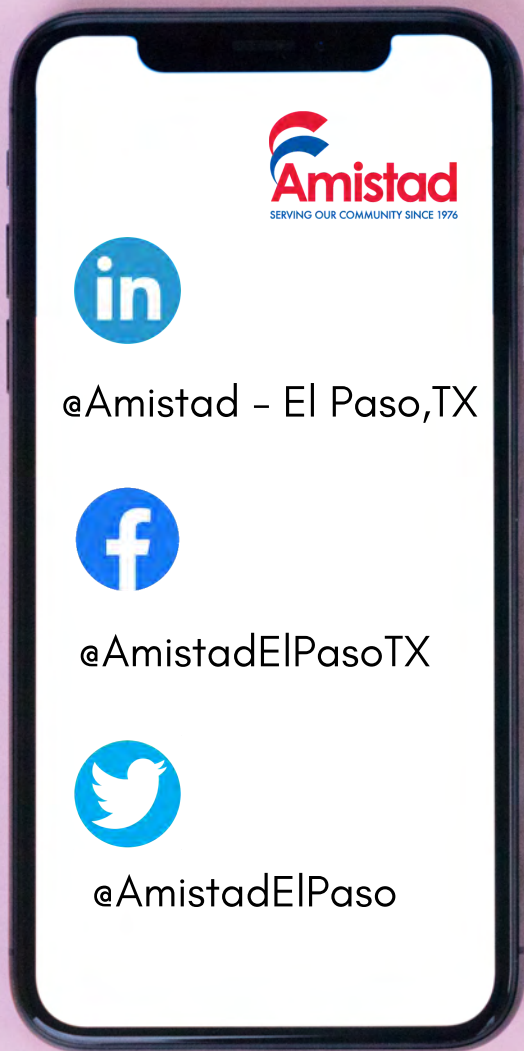
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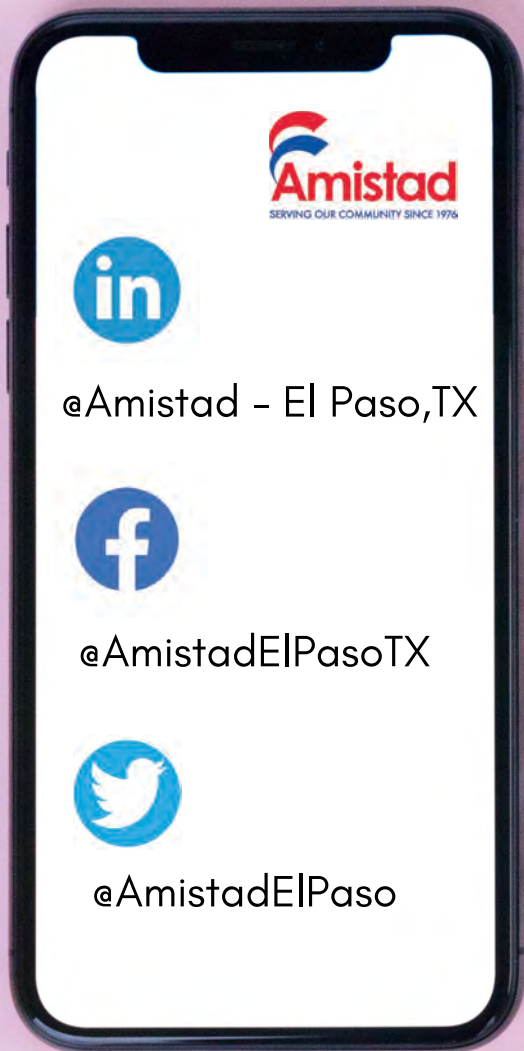


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