

# DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Happy  
Holidays!



Another year is soon upon us and we couldn't be more grateful than to have celebrated 45 years of service in 2021. We look forward to serving our community for years to come, but we cannot do it alone. We need your help!

This holiday season, give the gift of Friendship (Amistad). Your contribution is more than a donation, it is a form of friendship for Veterans, people with disabilities, our elderly, homeless and vulnerable populations in our community.

A monthly donation, no matter the amount, can make a world of difference for those we serve. Help us continue our Mission and become a friend to El Pasoans in need.

Donate Today: [www.projectamistad.org/donate](http://www.projectamistad.org/donate)

# THANK YOU

A special Thank You to our employee monthly donors!

Gerardo Blanco

Celia Garcia

Mireya Lopez

Jose Martinez

Rosa Payan

Andrea Ramirez

*Thank You!*

This holiday season, we take a moment to reflect on the challenges and opportunities throughout the year. We are extremely grateful with our community partners, donors, sponsors and supporters. With your help, we have been able to provide continuous services to our community, especially during the past 21 months. On behalf of Amistad's Board of Directors, CEO, Management Team, and staff, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



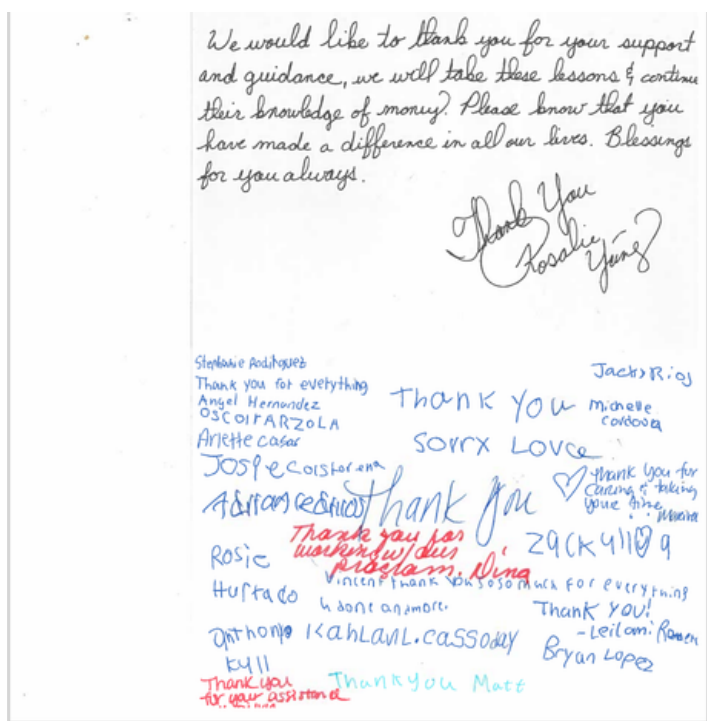


# MONEY BASICS PROGRAM

The Money Basics Program, funded by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities, assists in educating individuals with an Intellectual Developmental Disability (IDD) on the importance of money values based on their ideas and beliefs that matter to them. The program utilizes proven and valid web-based financial institutions such as Practical Money Skills and the Financial Education Council to help customize lessons to best fit the clients' needs and learning styles.

This program focuses on the importance of credit scores, checking and savings accounts, having a monthly budget, and the difference between earned income and unearned income. The Resource Coach provides the client with activity worksheets to educate clients on financial independence, where a person should keep their money (bank, credit union, etc.), how to protect themselves from identity theft and finally, understanding how to apply for and keep track of their student loans.

To date, 38 students have completed our Money Basics Program!



Resource Coach, Joyce Madrid, received a heartfelt Thank You card from her most recent class who has completed the program.



Learn More:

<https://projectamistad.org/peer-support-specialist-network-program>

# HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment is now available through January 15, 2022. Here's what you need to know, according to HealthCare.gov:

- This year, a new law (American Rescue Plan (ARP)) provides greatly improved financial assistance, which can significantly lower people's premiums.
- 4 out of 5 people will be able to find plans for \$10/month or less after newly expanded financial assistance.
- With the new law, millions more people qualify for tax incentives that lower their premiums.
- These are quality, comprehensive health plans that offer doctor visits, emergency care, preventive care, hospital care, and prescription drugs.
- Consumers who enroll by December 15, 2021 can get coverage that starts January 1, 2022.
- There is more help available this year. Consumers can access assisters and Champions for Coverage in nearly every state and county on the Marketplace.

Our Consumer Health Insurance Marketplace and Education Services (CHIMES) Navigators can guide you through the enrollment process.



To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-595-1788.



## FIND AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE

Open Enrollment November 1 - January 15



Schedule an appointment



Find the right health plan



Get answers



Enroll



### CALL TODAY!

## 1-877-595-1788



Health Insurance Marketplace  
HealthCare.gov (800) 318-2596

3210 Dyer St.

El Paso, TX 79930

## OBTENGA COVERTURA MEDICA

Inscripción abierta es del 1 de noviembre  
al 15 de enero



Agende un cita



Encuentre el plan de salud indicado



Obtenga respuestas



Inscríbase



### LLAME HOY!

## 1-877-595-1788

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# AMISTAD CARES UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTINUES

Amistad has received an additional \$1 million grant from the City of El Paso to continue providing much needed assistance to the community. Amistad will continue taking applications for the AmistadCARES Utility Assistance Program, which 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:

Call 915-298-7307 (select option 1 + option 1 + zip code) to schedule an appointment.

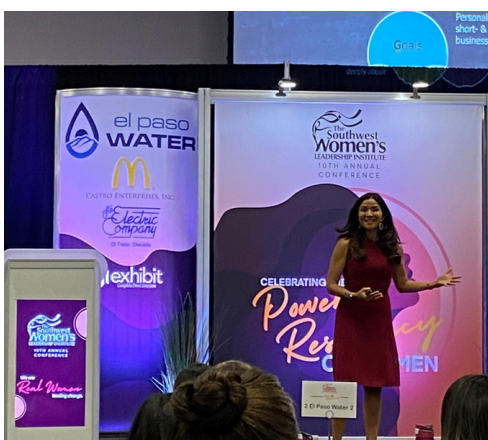
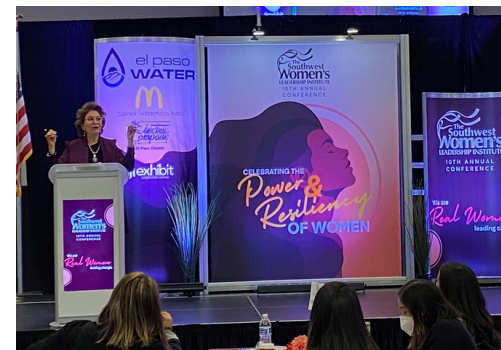


# AMISTAD IN THE COMMUNITY

Our CHIMES Navigators attended the Marathon Petroleum Health Fair and provided information regarding the Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment. Find us at the next community event! Our Amistad staff is ready to answer your questions about our services.



Amistad's Corporate Management Team staff had the opportunity to attend the 2021 Southwest Women's Leadership Institute Conference. The uplifting conference was filled with the speakers' life experiences and how their resiliency led them to success.





# DEFINING RESILIENCE

Public Relations Association of the Southwest (PRSW) hosted a *Defining Resilience* luncheon with a nonprofit panel, focused on the challenges the pandemic posed for these organizations and how they overcame them.

Our Chief Executive Officer, Andrea Ramirez, joined the panel along with Laura Ponce, Executive Director of Project Bravo, and Lorenzo Alba, Executive Director of Casa de Peregrinos.

Each participating nonprofit had the opportunity to share their resiliency story and how they pivoted and adapted to continue providing services to the community throughout the hardships of the pandemic.



# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



45th  
BIRTHDAY

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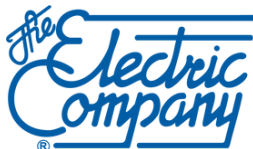
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Thanks to our community partner Amerigroup for sponsoring sun shades for our entire fleet! We appreciate your continued support.





# AMISTAD CELEBRATIONS

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Jose Alvarado  
*Transportation Dispatcher*



*Congrats*



## VETERANS DAY

Every Veterans Day we celebrate and recognize our very own Amistad Veterans with an appreciation breakfast. We are grateful for their service to our country and the work they do for our community!



We are extremely #thankful for all our wonderful staff who help serve our community! Thank you for all you do every single day and for making a difference in people's lives.





# Happy Birthday!



12/4	David Gomez	12/15	Arturo Salas
12/10	Elizabeth Andrade	12/25	Claudia Rios
12/11	Joan Lujan	12/26	Janet Mora
12/12	Dalia De Los Santos	12/28	Kristen Barker
12/12	Maria Garcia	12/31	Melissa Molina

## Anniversaries



3 years	Richard Burgess
13 years	Maria Muñoz



# ADVERTISE WITH US!



## Amistad Vehicle Advertising

## PROMOTE YOUR ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS ON OUR FLEET!

Our vehicles operate 6 days a week, 15 hours a day, with an average of 200 daily trips around our community.

For more information, contact [vesparza@projectamistad.org](mailto:vesparza@projectamistad.org).





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