Monthly Update August 2022



Borderlands Ambassador program interns, a part of Border Community Alliance, visited Centro de Esperanza and brought English-language learning games to children visiting the center.

Monthly Recap (data from July 2022)



5,450 meals served and/or provided to Sonoyta shelters



62 medical appointments provided



Children wrote their names in macaroni art at the center.



Sofia, one of Centro de Esperanza's frequent visitors over the past few months, recently moved with her family to the United States pursuing their asylum process. Sofia is starting school in the United States this month!

This past July, Shelters for Hope organizers were excited to bring six Border Community Alliance interns and a volunteer from Humane Borders to Centro de Esperanza for an educational tour about humanitarian aid at the U.S./Mexico border. The interns participating in the Borderlands Ambassador program, organized by Amy Tice, prepared English language learning games to engage visiting migrant children at the center.

In Sonoyta, the Catholic Church's shelter, Casa San Pedro continues to remain closed. In response, Centro de Esperanza has opened four private rooms to accommodate families seeking shelter. The Summer heat of Sonoyta continues to be a unique challenge that our day managers, Aaron Flores and Karla Betancourt find solutions for. There are plenty of fans and swamp coolers throughout the outdoor dining area, and tarps for shade to keep visitors comfortable while they enjoy their meals. There are also plenty of kiddy pools to take a swim under the shade.

Shelters for Hope and Casa Misericordia continue to collaborate on the transportation of asylum-seeking migrants and refugees from Sonoyta to Nogales to further their asylum cases in a larger city, in addition to their care, legal and housing needs. To date, 159 individuals seeking resources in Sonoyta are now in the United States beginning new lives as they continue their asylum processes, thanks to the incredible partnership of Casa Misericordia.



A young resource center visitor and her parents, celebrate her birthday with a cake at Centro de Esperanza.

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