



Community Thanksgiving Celebration 2020

September 2020

Dear Friend of the Community,

For over 30 years, Casa Familiar has hosted an Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner event, where we come together with nearly 100 volunteers including professional chefs, elected officials, police, teachers, business owners and other community leaders to serve over 1,000 meals to San Ysidro families. It is a community-wide event with families sharing a traditional sit-down Thanksgiving dinner with their neighbors. It is a time to come together, celebrate, and always a highlight of our year.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, world-wide shut downs, and economic crisis, 2020 has been an unprecedentedly challenging year. The community of San Ysidro has been disproportionately affected with some of the highest rates of coronavirus cases and unemployment in San Diego County. With these hard times upon us, the need to come together to celebrate the good things is greater than ever, which is why we are reaching out to you today.

Although this year we will not be able to sit hundreds of families in our center and serve them dinner as we usually do, there is still a need to support families and celebrate the holiday. That is why, instead of a sit-down dinner event, we hope to provide our clients and residents with vouchers for turkeys or grocery store gift cards that they can use to celebrate the holiday safely at home with their family. **As local business owners and elected representatives, it will be your patrons, constituents and community that will benefit from this event, as such, we ask that you please consider donating to make this holiday celebration possible.** We know that this year has been difficult for small businesses and understand that you might not have the ability to donate as you have in the past. Anything you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

We are in need of 1,000 vouchers for frozen turkeys or \$25 grocery store gift cards. Any amount that you can contribute will be greatly appreciated and all donations are tax deductible. If you are able to make a donation please contact our office at 619-428-1115. Your donation is tax exempt. Thank you in advance for your support in making the holidays a joyful time for all San Ysidro families.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cuestas

Chief Executive Officer



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