

Casa Marianella & Posada Esperanza

Casa Marianella welcomes displaced immigrants and promotes self-sufficiency by providing shelter and support services. Posada Esperanza is the family shelter of Casa Marianella. They are a full-service transitional housing program for immigrant mothers and their children, escaping domestic or cultural violence.

On top of making a donation, you can volunteer to help out at Casa and/or Posada:

- Medical Appointment Advocacy

- **Who:** Anyone who has all the requirements is welcome to help out
- **What:** Sign up to drive a resident to their medical appointment, ensure they have the proper translator (if needed), help the resident understand the services provided and their diagnosis, assist with pharmacy pick-up (if needed), and bring the resident back to shelter.
- **When:** See website
- **Where:** See website
- **Requirements:** A vehicle, a driver's license, and potentially a translator
- **Recommended Group Size:** 1-2 people

- On-Site Service at Posada

- **Who:** All are welcome to help out
- **What:** Sign up to help around the facilities by cleaning, maintenance around the properties and lawns, gardening, and more. You can view the full list of upcoming volunteer opportunities at the link above.
- **When:** See website
- **Where:** Posada Esperanza
- **Requirements:** None
- **Recommended Group Size:** 1-15 people

- On-Site Service at Casa

- **Who:** Youth and Adults
- **What:** Get an in-person introduction to some of the great work Casa does, meet some of the residents, and help out with various service projects such as sorting donations, painting, and more.
- **When:** for 2-hour sessions; [please email their Volunteer Coordinator](#), Jennifer Long, to arrange a time and set up your orientation.
- **Where:** Casa Marianella

- **Requirements:** None
- **Recommended Group Size:** 1-10 people

- Tutoring

- **Who:** Youth and Adults
- **What:** Help out with after-school tutoring, for residents in K-12.
- **When:** Monday-Friday, 3:45pm - 5pm
- **Where:** at Posada Esperanza
- **Requirements:** Must be equipped to help children with their homework
- **Recommended Group Size:** 1-5 people

- English Classes

- **Who:** Adults
- **What:** One of their vetted volunteers hosts weekly English classes for residents. Volunteers are invited to join him and help with that class, or start another English class for an evening time during the week.
- **When:** Sundays, 3pm - 4pm --- or you could help set up another time
- **Where:** at Casa and/or Posada
- **Requirements:** volunteers must be bi-lingual
- **Recommended Group Size:** 1-3 people

- Driving Residents to Immigration Appointments in San Antonio

- **Who:** Anyone who has all the requirements is welcome to help out
- **What:** Pick up individual(s) from either Casa Marianella or Posada Esperanza (depending on who needs to go), drive them to the San Antonio ICE office, and then bring them back to Casa/Posada after their appointment.
- **When:** The timeframe for this varies by appointment. Usually, appointments are early morning (about 8am), which requires leaving Austin by 6am to ensure prompt arrival.
- **Where:** Mostly on I-35. The ICE office is located at: 3523 Crosspoint, San Antonio, TX 78217
- **Requirements:** A vehicle, a driver's license, and potentially a translator
- **Recommended Group Size:** 1-2 people