

# Casa Alitas: A Sanctuary of Hope for Migrants

**In a world rife with uncertainties, a beacon of light exists, a sanctuary of hope nestled in the heart of Tucson, Arizona.** Casa Alitas, under the administration of Catholic Community Services, stands as a testament to the power of compassion and solidarity in the face of adversity. Since its inception, this remarkable program has been a lifeline for weary migrants, offering them respite and a renewed sense of dignity and belonging.

Since 2014, Casa Alitas has been a steadfast companion to those navigating the treacherous journey of seeking asylum in the United States. Year after year, its doors have swung open wide to welcome individuals and families escaping violence, persecution, and poverty in their homelands. What sets Casa Alitas apart is its provision of necessities like food, shelter, and medical care, but its unwavering commitment to treating every guest as a fellow human being with the respect and kindness they deserve.

**The stories emanating from Casa Alitas are as diverse as the people it serves, each a poignant reminder of the resilience of the human spirit.** Take, for instance, the tale of Edwin and Carlos, two brothers from Honduras whose journey to safety was fraught with peril. Carlos, paralyzed from the waist down due to gang violence, relied on his brother Edwin to push his wheelchair thousands of miles to the U.S.-Mexican border. Their arrival at Casa Alitas marked not just the end of a harrowing odyssey but the beginning of a new chapter filled with hope and possibility, thanks to the tireless efforts of compassionate individuals.



## “God is Going With Them”

Despite their immense challenges, Edwin's unwavering dedication to his brother Carlos is a testament to the strength of familial bonds and the resilience of the human spirit. At Casa Alitas, they found physical refuge and a community of support and compassion that helped them navigate their uncertain path with dignity and grace.

**As Casa Alitas continues to navigate the ever-changing landscape of migration, its mission remains steadfast: to provide hospitality and humanitarian aid to those in need, regardless of their background or circumstances.** But Casa Alitas cannot fulfill this mission alone; it relies on the generosity of donors and volunteers who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of every human being.

In the words of Sister Irma Odabashian, whose compassion and empathy have touched countless lives at Casa Alitas, "God is going with them." Let us, too, walk alongside our migrant brothers and sisters, offering them our material support and unwavering solidarity and compassion. Together, we can ensure that Casa Alitas remains a sanctuary of hope for future generations.

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