VALUES TO LIVE BY

**Empathy:** “We disagree with the idea of ‘treating others how you’d like you be treated.’ Instead, we have learned that it’s better to treat others how they’d like to be treated. To know that, we must first build those authentic and trusting relationships.”

**Respect:** “If you know them well enough you will respect the families in all ways: their culture, their beliefs, their traditions, their manners, their religion, etc. Respect opens a door of trust.

**Relationship & Trust:** “Because we come from a similar background, language and culture as the families, we are one of them. We’ve overcome those same barriers, then we believe in the potential of each of the families. We have the same kind of dreams, challenges, culture, language, and barriers, they know that we want the best for all of us and they are part of us.”

**Authenticity:** “Be who you are. Then families can be who they are.”

**Justice:** “Align yourself with those whose voices are not heard or listened to. Everyone has a voice; some times there’s only space for some. Create the space.”

**Equity:** “All families deserve what they need to thrive. Many families at La Casa do not have access to what they need. We educate others on racial equity and operationalize it.”

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**A note from the Executive Director, Laura Armstrong...**

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Quick Facts

- In 2018, over 790 vecin@s participated at La Casa Hogar.
- 72% of students have lived in the U.S. for 10 years or more.
- 100% of students are motivated to cultivate education and skills for success.
- 201 students participated in English classes in 2018.
- 44 children were served in La Escuelita and 79% of them progressed to higher developmental levels throughout the 6 objectives tracked from the Creative Curriculum.
- 84% of La Casa’s dollars are directly invested into programs.
- Over 80 people volunteered in 2018!

Adult Education: 270 vecin@s participated in English, pre-GED, Spanish literacy, computer literacy, women’s leadership, health & nutrition classes.

Early Learning Center: using the Creative Curriculum and STEM, educated 44 unique children in 2018, ages 2.5-5 who would not otherwise have access to early education and over 50 more school age and pre-teens throughout other programs.

Citizenship Education and Naturalization: recognized by the Department of Justice, La Casa offers citizenship education and naturalization legal services. Over 1,184 people have become U.S. Citizens since 2014.