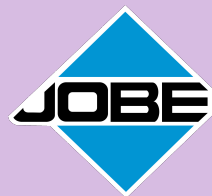


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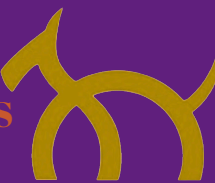
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~ Community Involvement Award ~

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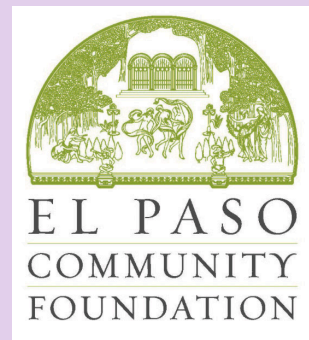
The El Paso Community Foundation (EPCF) has been a trusted steward of philanthropy in the Borderland for decades, returning nearly \$300 million to the community through grants and initiatives. While these funds reflect significant investment, EPCF's true impact lies in the partnerships formed and lives changed, particularly in animal welfare.



EPCF consistently supports shelters, rescue organizations, advocacy groups, enhancing their capacity and reinforcing animal welfare as crucial to a compassionate community. Additionally, EPCF convenes the Animal Welfare

Roundtable, fostering collaboration among nonprofits and municipal partners to address challenges and identify service gaps.

This collaborative effort led to the establishment of the Borderland Rescue Fund, aimed at urgent needs beyond standard grants, focusing on keeping pets with their families. Initiatives like Public Pantries and walk-up pet food banks have provided over 100,000 pounds of food and supplies in just six months.



The Rescue Fund also supports microchip scanner stations to reunite lost pets, no-cost spay and neuter initiatives, and an Emergency Medical Fund for at-risk animals. Together, these initiatives highlight EPCF's commitment to a humane and responsive animal welfare system throughout the Borderland.

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~ Honored Guests ~

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~ Special Recognition ~

LA POSADA HOME INC.

Founded in 1986, La Posada Home, Inc. provides shelter for survivors of domestic violence, homelessness, and crisis, recognizing that healing must include the entire family, including companion animals.

La Posada has a longstanding policy of accepting survivors with their pets, understanding that animals provide essential emotional support. This practice helps survivors leave dangerous situations without fear for their animals' safety.

Key Contributions:

- Accepts families with pets when other shelters could not
- Adapts operations to accommodate animals safely
- Treats pets as integral to the survivor's support system



A notable case involved a gravely ill client who sought shelter with three dogs. La Posada accepted him immediately, ensuring their safety.

After the client's passing, the organization found loving homes for his dogs, demonstrating their commitment to compassion beyond shelter entry.

La Posada's acceptance of animals allows survivors to seek safety sooner, reduces trauma from pet separation, and supports emotional healing. Their approach underscores the belief that safety, dignity, and healing are inseparable from compassion, ensuring that no one is turned away in crisis.