



Amberly's
PLACE
Family Advocacy Center

April 20, 2016

Mayor Gerald Sanchez
City of San Luis
P.O. Box 1170
San Luis, AZ 85349

Mayor Sanchez,

Amberly's Place has been helping victims in San Luis in partnership with the San Luis Police Department for a number of years. Each year the calls for service to San Luis increase as more victims feel safe asking for help and reporting the crime. San Luis has always been very supportive of this program and the victims we serve by providing us with a office and \$39,000 in funding for part of the advocate expense and a van to transport victims to court and to Safehouse.

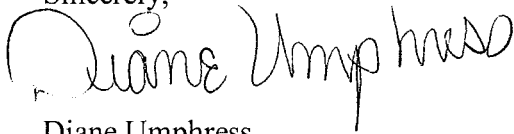
Last year we provided assistance to 376 victims in collaboration with the San Luis Police Department which was a 22% increase from the previous year. An advocate is in San Luis every day of the week now, instead of three days a week as when we started this arrangement. Advocates go to court daily in South County and take food boxes to victims as well as clothes blankets, diapers and formula at no cost to the victim. Meeting the emergency needs of the victim is the best way to let them know their community really cares.

As you enter into budget talks for next year I ask that you continue to support this agency and the victims we serve in San Luis. The advocate assigned to San Luis is making numerous trips each week to San Luis. In fact she is averaging 8 to 10 trips per week. If it is at all possible we would respectfully request a small increase in the amount of funds provide to this agency. The van which you provide for us to use is older and does not get more than 20 miles per gallon. If we take the least umber of weekly trips to San Luis which is 8 and by the 60 mile round trip the fuel expense is a average of \$54.00 per week. When you take this weekly expense by 52 weeks in a year the expense is \$2808.00.

This agency has never asked or received an increase in funding and fuel expense has become a major budget issue. If you can possibly help with the \$2,808 fuel expense it would be appreciated, whether it be all or partial assistance. Responding when needed is a very important part of our services to victims. We will continue to make however many trips needed to assist and victim whenever the call comes in. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Please note that we appreciate the support of the City of San Luis Mayor, Council and Police Department. Together we have made a difference to those we serve in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Umphress". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Diane Umphress
Executive Director
Amberly's Place