



April 19, 2017

Tadeo Azael De La Hoya
City of San Luis City Manager
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Mr. De La Hoya,

Since Amberly's Place partnered with the City of San Luis in June of 2008, calls for services have increased consistently each year. Each call for service is a victim reaching out for help to leave an abusive relationship. In the first three months of 2017 San Luis represented the 2nd highest request for crisis response services in Yuma County (Yuma Police Department was the highest). As community leaders like yourselves speak out against violence and in support of Amberly's Place, the citizens of San Luis become increasingly more comfortable reporting abuse and seeking assistance. It is this partnership that serves to increase the safety and quality of life for those living in San Luis and I believe that the council and police department's investment in the citizens of San Luis are reflected in the numbers, with a 122% increase in calls for service in just the first three months of this year over the same period last year (Jan – Mar 2017 vs. Jan – Mar 2016).

Last year from February 2016 to February 2017 we provided services for 318 San Luis victims through your police department. Community members who came in for information and referral services are not included in that number. Due to the growth in calls for services in the City of San Luis we have a full time advocate in your community. One advocate with this agency is assigned to provide services out of the Amberly's Place office 5 days a week and the on-call advocates continue to respond to your community when called upon to do so 24/7.

The partnership this agency has with the City of San Luis Mayor and Council as well as the Police Department is very important to us. We have been able to provide 9 trainings for your law enforcement officers, as well ongoing peer review support on investigative practices. This last year you provided \$41,808.00 in funding to Amberly's Place Family Advocacy Center. We are hoping you will be able to provide the same level of funding this year of \$41,808.00.

Thank you for your on-going support it means so very much to our success with the victims in your community. Together we are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Diane Umphress
Executive Director
Amberly's Place