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Mr. De La Hoya,

On January 21 we were honored to take Governor and First Lady Ducey on a tour of Amberly's Place Family Advocacy Center in Yuma. Governor Ducey stated that he was not surprised by the close working relationship we have with the City of San Luis, as I told him of our partnership. He commented how much he enjoys working with Mayor Sanchez and he was glad to hear we have made services available in San Luis. I am very proud of our relationship and the amount of victims we have been able to assist.

We signed a formal MOU with the Mexican Consulate on February 7, 2020 which also is a major milestone for the abuse victims we serve. The Consulate has always been very helpful to us when we provide services for Mexican nationals. The MOU formalizes this relationship. Amberly's Place is the only Family Advocacy Center (FAC) in the USA which has this formal MOU. Partnerships are very important to us and for those we assist.

We have provided services to the City of San Luis since 2008. In this time our services have continued to increase, from the calls from your community, to the basic services we offer. We have not asked for an increase in the funding we receive from you since 2010. I believe. This year I would like to request a slight increase from \$41,808.00 received last year to \$42,000.00 to cover a small part of the additional insurance expense on the new Journey we have purchased to use for the City of San Luis. This is an increase of \$192.00. We saw a 15% increase in calls for services in 2019, representing an additional 256 victims assisted in the City of San Luis, not counting those who came to the FAC for assistance without law enforcement. These self-reporting victims usually need referral assistance and/or food and emergency supplies.

Amberly's Place continues to hold monthly forensic interviewers, peer reviews, monthly case review of all child abuse cases, sexual assault and domestic violence task force meetings, and various training for our multidisciplinary team members (including law enforcement). The National Children's Alliance has estimated that utilizing an FAC, such as Amberly's Place, saves the investigating agency \$1,000 per case. We believe these partnerships also provide emotional support and assistance in healing for the victims and their families of these crimes. It really is a win-win for all who participate.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely;

Diane Umphress

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Executive Director