



“I cannot begin to express my deepest gratitude for your generosity, compassion, and kindness. **The truth is that death is expensive.** Despite the immense sadness and grief, and the possible trauma we endured throughout this process of losing a loved one, knowing that we had some financial aid relieved much of our own family’s stress and anxiety. Knowing that Casa Dorinda residents truly appreciate their employees and continue to foster a culture of support and gratitude by providing programs such as the EEF makes me proud.”

*Emergency Category: Funeral Expense*  
*Department Supported: Dining Services*

“When Covid-19 first hit, it really affected my family's income, but **with your help, we were able to get back on our feet.**”

*Emergency Category: Covid-19*  
*Department: Dining Services*



## A Special Thank You



*Artwork by Giselle Botello*





# Messages of Gratitude

## Dear Employee Emergency Fund (EEF) Donors,

The EEF is incredibly valuable to Casa Dorinda's staff. In 2025, the fund provided 46 grants, totaling \$160,000. Your contributions helped with funeral expenses for family members, medical bills not covered by insurance, automobile repairs that could not otherwise be afforded, and dental emergencies. You've helped several employees with temporary housing and provided security deposits when necessary.

Sometimes, the EEF Committee receives heartwarming thank you notes from staff, including ones with artwork by children, as shown in this booklet. Enclosed you will find messages of gratitude that I want to share with you, our generous supporters who make this fund possible.



On behalf of those who the fund has helped, thank you very much.

*Nina R. Schooler*  
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Casa Resident and  
EEF Committee Chair

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"My family was struck with several emergency costs while my wife was unemployed. **Through the gracious, philanthropic efforts of the EEF I was able to receive a grant to help cover the costs of my oral surgery.** I can not put in words how helpful this is to me and my family...the support I received reflects on what an amazing place Casa Dorinda is and how lucky I am to be a part of the team. The EEF is just another reminder of why I plan to spend my career here."

*Emergency Category: Dental  
Department: Dining Services*

"I consider myself very fortunate to work with such an amazing company. The support and care you show for employees is truly appreciated. **My car is once again driving smoothly after a transmission change.** Thank you for your amazing generosity."

*Emergency Category: Transportation  
Department: Housekeeping*

"**I am very grateful for the assistance you provided me with to attain an apartment with my brother.** With your help, you have brought hope and happiness to my life allowing me to progress day by day."

*Emergency Category: Home  
Department Supported: Housekeeping*