“What makes the desert beautiful is that somewhere it hides a well.” – Antoine De Saint-Exupery

The Franciscan Renewal Center (the “Casa”) is indeed a well in the desert for nonprofit groups to renew and recharge for their missions. And we have exciting news—construction of the new Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Community Life Center (CLC) is underway and expected to be completed in June 2019. The CLC will have flexible rooms for up to 350 people and offer a catering kitchen that will evolve into a full-service kitchen for guests. When the new Our Lady of the Angels Church opened in October 2017, the existing church space became the San Damiano Auditorium. With seating for approximately 300, this is currently the largest conference space on campus. With these expansions, meeting space at the Casa will total over 17,000 square feet—nearly double the current square footage. And there’s more...

When checking in, you’ll be greeted by a larger lobby with comfortable seating perfect for casual conversation and connecting with colleagues. The recently expanded dining room seats more people and offers two buffet lines, improving the outstanding hospitality served up by Chef Elias and his staff. The gift shop moved to a bigger, brighter home in the Capistrano building, directly north of the new church—Books and Blessings owners Teresa and Craig Abernathy invite you to stop by and browse their selection of inspiring books, beautiful artwork, and jewelry.

We know the enormous effort and heart that goes into nonprofit work. While making more room for our guests, we continue to be a well in the desert, where you’ll find serene surroundings, comfortable lodging rooms, amazing food and outstanding guest service. Come and experience the uniqueness of the Casa. See the next page to make the most of your special time on our 25-acre campus.
There’s so much to do (in a good way)!

The Casa offers much more than meeting rooms and great food. While you’re here, take advantage of all the ways you can nurture your mind, body and spirit.

- Stroll along the meandering desert walk, beautifully dotted with flora, benches and ramadas.
- Gather in the Healing Garden for a peaceful respite or special activities between sessions.
- Walk the labyrinth while focusing on positive intentions.
- Visit the Meditation Chapel for quiet contemplation.
- Take a refreshing dip in the pool.
- Enjoy a Docent Art Tour of the Our Lady of the Angels Church.
- Discover the Vision with friars and staff for a behind-the-scenes look at all of the Casa’s services and ministries.
- Attend a workshop to express your creativity or learn something new.
- Visit the book store for an interesting read during your free time.

Make the most of your visit, and return to your mission refreshed and recharged. [View the campus map here.]

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\text{Special Summer Rates July–Sept., 2019}
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Comfortable sleeping accommodations, meeting spaces, exceptional food to nourish the body, and beautiful grounds to inspire the mind and soothe the spirit.

Book your next Staff, Marriage, Men’s, or Women’s Retreat today.

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**Discover the Vision Tour**
Tours are offered each month on the first Thursday at 11:00 am and the third Thursday at 6:00 pm.

RSVP to Sarah Priveé or Sue Force:
sarah@thecasa.org or 480.355.0357
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No Reservations Needed.
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TO SCHEDULE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND GROUP TOURS (one week in advance).

churchtours@thecasa.org or 480.948.7460.

"Your accommodations, meeting spaces, food & campus vastly exceeded our expectations and our experiences in the other locations in the past.”—

Rev. Beth Rambikur,
Desert Southwest Conference
Meet Kimberly Coffel

Kimberly Coffel is the newest member of the Meetings and Conferences team at the Casa!

Originally from North Dakota, Kimberly and her husband, Jason, moved to Arizona in 2016 from Minnesota. Their daughter Megan is a master’s student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Previously, Kimberly worked for Syngenta, a global agribusiness company that helps improve global food security by enabling millions of farmers to make better use of available resources. Among the many roles she had there, her favorite tasks were coordinating the annual sales meeting, planning incentive trips to warm destinations, and conducting new-hire orientations.

People often say that they didn't find the Casa—the Casa found them. This was true for Kimberly when her husband attended a private retreat here and learned of the job opening through a casual conversation. She was looking for a position in the hospitality industry where she could move from the client side of meeting planning to the venue side. Here, Kimberly responds to phone calls and web inquiries regarding potential meetings, retreats, seminars, and conferences. She gives site inspections of the property, books and coordinates day meetings and meetings for smaller groups of up to 25 people.

When asked what she likes most about the Casa, Kimberly said she firmly believes in its mission. “It's refreshing to work someplace where people are valued and are seen and treated as important and special,” she added. “It's also very pretty and peaceful here.” Kimberly loves the small staff community and how they honor and demonstrate the values of the Franciscans. And for the first time in a long time, she feels that her family, faith and work are all aligned.

Nonviolence Programs at the Casa

The Season for Nonviolence (SNV) is an international grassroots campaign to demonstrate that peace is a powerful way to heal, improve our lives and empower our communities. Nonviolence is a choice everyone can make.

Throughout the entire year, the Casa offers special events, programs and prayer for greater peace in the world and as a way to make easier your choice of nonviolence. You can attend these programs individually or as part of our Nonviolence Leadership Certificate Program.

Visit frc.retreatportal.com/events/ to learn more about upcoming Season for Nonviolence programs (in sidebar) and other programs at the Casa.

Upcoming SNV Events

- Peace Conference
  - June 1
- Popcorn Pizza & Peace Movie Night
  - June 15
- Native American Flute
  - June 22
- Peace Day Interfaith Prayer Evening
  - September 21
- Compassionate Communication
  - September 26, October 3, 10, & 17
- Native American Flute
  - October 5
- Envisioning a Beautiful World
  - October 26
- 12 Gifts for Living: A Healing, Well-Being Peace Retreat
  - October 25 - 27
- Walking the Footsteps of Thich Nhat Hanh & Thomas Merton Retreat
  - November 15 - 17

A Season for Nonviolence
Great ways to stay connected

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Our websites offer many ways to get informed and stay connected. Visit casameetings.org and thecasa.org today!

About the Casa
Since 1951, the Franciscan Renewal Center — affectionately known as the “Casa de Paz y Bien,” or simply “the Casa” — has existed as a Catholic retreat center in Paradise Valley to offer spiritual growth, healing and transformation that moves lives into the service of others.

The Casa was founded by and is today an active religious community of the Order of Franciscan Friars Minor — part of the worldwide Franciscan family, following the footsteps of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is a wholly owned entity of the Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara, based in Oakland, Calif., that works cooperatively with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix.

Activities at the Casa include daily Mass, Sunday services, private retreats, gathering space for non-profit groups, as well as 50 volunteer ministries that give aid to the poor or vulnerable, empower individuals to improve their circumstances, and build community fellowship. Discover more at thecasa.org

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