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**SAVED IN AMERICA ASSISTS CASA DE AMPARO IN
PROTECTING CHILDREN MOST VULNERABLE TO HUMAN SEX
TRAFFICKING**

28 MONTH OPERATION WITH CASA DE AMPARO IN SAN MARCOS, CA

San Diego, (January 7, 2020) – Saved in America (SIA), at no charge to families, volunteers to assist parents and law enforcement in locating missing, runaway and exploited children – the groups most vulnerable to sexual trafficking. The organization also aids high risk juvenile shelters to protect children from further exploitation by pimps and predators. From May 20, 2017 to October 12, 2019, Casa de Amparo (CASA) requested Saved in America to assist management with security and surveillance due to a high number of child residents leaving the unlocked facility and being further exploited by child sex predators outside of the facilities. Casa de Amparo, located in San Marcos, CA, is a residential facility for foster children affected by, and at risk of, child abuse, including commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC). SIA was called to perform over 260 highly technical surveillance operations for the facility and complete

physical security assessments and recommendations to assist CASA staff in the ability to prevent predators from gaining further access to the children. Those recommendations were finalized and implemented in October 2019.

During the 260 investigative operations, SIA operators donated more than 6,000 investigative hours, and in coordination with CASA staff, identified 54 children who exited the facility on 173 occasions. SIA operators, who are former U.S. Military Special Forces and Police Officers turned California licensed and insured private investigators, initiated collaboration with the sheriff's deputies during the operations and coordinated all suspicious and criminal activity. SIA operators, along with CASA staff, and the sheriff's deputies, worked diligently and unyielding in their commitment to deny predators an opportunity to further abuse and exploit the vulnerable children at CASA.

"The Sheriff's Department supports the ongoing efforts of Casa de Amparo in San Marcos to support those affected by neglect and abuse. Saved in America and other non-profits who work to eliminate the evil of human sex-trafficking and exploitation are to be commended. The Sheriff's Department works diligently in responding to calls for service and runaway juveniles from the Casa de Amparo facility. We have provided security and safety assessments and recommendations in an ongoing effort to keep the residents and community safe. Our

partnership with all of our community members is key to solving these complex problems,” stated Assistant Sheriff Kelly Martinez.

Saved in America is a free resource, to assist parents and law enforcement in the recovery of missing, runaway and trafficking children. If you or someone you know is a victim of sex trafficking, please call the Human Trafficking Hotline at: (888) 373-3788 or text befree (233733). You can also call the Saved in America TIP Hotline at: (760) 348-8808 or email info@savedinamerica.org.

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About Saved in America

Founded in 2009 by Joseph Travers, Saved in America (SIA) is headquartered in San Diego, California with national alliances and reach. At no charge to families, SIA volunteers to assist parents and law enforcement to locate missing, runaway and exploited children – the groups most vulnerable to sexual trafficking. For victims of sexual exploitation, SIA assists in procuring legal representation, safe housing, and rehabilitative therapy. SIA also aids high risk juvenile shelters to protect children from further exploitation by pimps and predators. Since December 2014, SIA has assisted parents and law enforcement in the recovery of more than 235 children. For more information, please visit <https://www.savedinamerica.org/>.