Dear CC Family,

What a year it has been in our community and around the world. In times like these, the famous quote from Mr. Rogers always comes to mind,

“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

As people of faith, we are called to do more than look for the helpers. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus tells us to stop and help our neighbors in their time of suffering, even if it is uncomfortable or challenging to us. When Jesus says, “Go and do likewise,” (Lk 10:37) He calls us to be the helpers.

We can see this parable come to life in the helpers of our society. The brave men and women of our military, along with their families, sacrifice every day to protect our brothers and sisters. Advocates for social justice prioritize the rights of future generations of Americans over their own lives. I am honored that when our community was faced with a crisis of poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic Charities had the opportunity to act as a helper to our neighbors in their time of need.

This year has presented all of us with adversity. Even at Catholic Charities, we were challenged to change to a virtual model overnight and increase our service delivery by more than 180 percent to meet our community’s needs during this crisis. As you read through this report, be reminded that each number and statistic represents a real human life and a person much like the traveler in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. These are the very people Jesus calls us to help, and you are doing just that by supporting Catholic Charities during such a critical time.

The future is unknown, but we stand ready and willing to respond to the needs of our community. We take our responsibility to help seriously. We will rise to any challenge and emerge stronger.

Thank you for joining us in being the helpers.

Blessings,

Sara Ramirez
Executive Director
As she waited in the lobby for her first counseling session at Catholic Charities of Central Texas, Alicia felt scared and overwhelmed. She was young, single, pregnant, and facing the reality of raising a baby on her own. Her mind raced with negative thoughts, and she worried her anxiety and stress would hinder her ability to care for her child.

But when she left her appointment, Alicia felt lighter. She knew she had a difficult road ahead of her, but now she had the resources to work through the anxiety she felt about becoming a single mother.

Then, COVID-19 began to spread across the country. Alicia watched the news nervously, hoping she would escape health complications or financial distress with a baby on the way. When businesses began to close, Alicia was furloughed from her job, and her carefully-laid plans were turned upside down. Although she was eligible for unemployment benefits, she worried they wouldn’t be enough to support a newborn alone.

Alicia put her child first and began to cut any expenses she could, so she could invest in her baby fund instead. Although counseling was a lifeline for her, Alicia needed to buy diapers, a crib, formula, clothes, a car seat, and so much more—all on her own. She expressed her financial troubles with her counselor, Colette, in their next session.

Colette knew Alicia’s mental health would suffer if she was forced to quit therapy at such a pivotal time. Determined to help this young mother, Colette consulted with her coworkers in the Counseling Services program to find a way to continue supporting her client. They referred Alicia to the Gabriel Project Life Center program.

After Alicia enrolled, she had access to free material items like diapers and formula, as well as virtual parenting classes where she connected with other parents facing similar challenges. The support Alicia received from Catholic Charities’ Gabriel Project Life Center removed some of the biggest financial burdens that come with being a new parent. She could now afford to continue seeing her counselor.

“Having those resources for her and the baby, and having the ability to continue counseling—that really saved her,” said Colette. “I am grateful we can continue to do what we do for our clients, and even do it online.”

The comfort of seeing a trusted counselor, financial relief, and sense of community Alicia found at Catholic Charities—all during a pandemic—gave her the stability and tools needed to give her child a healthy start to life. When it comes to COVID-19, no one knows what the coming months have in store. People around the world face financial strain, uncertainty, mental health challenges and more. But no matter what, Alicia knows she and her baby can lean on their Catholic Charities family.
EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS

Catholic Charities of Central Texas offers a holistic set of programs to engage, educate and empower our clients out of poverty.

COUNSELING SERVICES
- Administered over 500 virtual therapy sessions to improve access to mental healthcare and help our clients overcome barriers of distance, time and stigma.
- Conducted 3,890 mental health counseling sessions.

DISASTER RESPONSE
- Provided support to 615 individuals impacted by COVID-19.
- Served households impacted by COVID-19 in 12/25 Central Texas counties.
- Distributed $77,035 in emergency funding through housing, utility, and gift card assistance.

FINANCIAL STABILITY
- Served 7,183 clients with housing assistance, utility assistance, or referrals.
- Achieved housing stability for 83.3% of clients.

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES
- Provided 29 outreach events in person and on Facebook Live.
- Conducted 1,318 consultations, representing clients in over 750 different processes including:
  - 260 DACA cases
  - 81 removal defense cases
  - 97 naturalization cases

GABRIEL PROJECT LIFE CENTER
- Conducted 556 virtual and in-person parenting classes across Central Texas.
- Distributed 68,890 diapers and 5,625 material items such as toiletries, baby food, and clothing.
- Provided healthy starts to 543 babies by educating parents during pregnancy.

ST. MICHAEL’S VETERAN SERVICES
- Served 175 veterans and dependents.
- Distributed $79,230 in aid to military families.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
- Cultivated new in-kind donors resulting in material donations valued at $155,000.
- 14,200 volunteer hours donated, an increase of 27% over FY19.

PARISH RELATIONS
- Partnered with 37 parishes and 11 Catholic Schools to engage leadership, staff, and parishioners in our mission.
- Engaged 67 parishes in a diocesan-wide Catholic Charities Weekend awareness campaign.
I [am] thankful that there are people who donate what they have to help others who can’t afford it. I feel an obligation to keep going on, and to one day be able to help someone else in the same way I’ve been helped.

– CCCTX Client

OUR DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

$2,261,151 RAISED*

14,200 VOLUNTEER HOURS LOGGED

161 FRIENDS SOCIETY DONORS

*Amount raised from individuals, corporations, and foundations
OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

COVID-19 had a swift and unprecedented impact on Central Texas families. As an organization committed to serving families in poverty, we knew there would be an increased demand for our services. Beginning in March, we moved to a virtual service model and added special services to accommodate the needs of families facing hardship during the pandemic.

180% INCREASE IN SERVICE DELIVERY

$1,107,790

400% INCREASE IN MATERIAL ITEMS DISTRIBUTED
(hand sanitizer, masks, hygiene, diapers)

$1.06M RAISED TO SUPPORT OUR INCREASED SERVICES

2 FREE TELERTHERAPY SESSIONS OFFERED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL IMPACTED BY COVID-19

All figures provided are from March through June 2020

“This organization gives me and people like me hope. You give me hope because in these times – when I and others are without work – we would not be able to continue with our immigration cases without your continued help.”

“My case manager] is always sure to check on me and is very encouraging. She has helped my confidence and always pushes me to advance myself. I feel like she is my angel always in my corner.”

“You not only provided support to someone in great need, but resources on how to come out of this a better person, and for that I am truly grateful!”

“CCCTX has been a major light in this dark time for me, and I can't thank them enough.”

“I would like to praise Catholic Charities for stepping up so quickly when everything around me was shutting down [due to COVID-19]. I have been seeing [a CCCTX counselor] for several months now and, without missing a beat, was able to continue seeing her virtually. Thank you for having the virtual counseling available during this stressful and emotional time. Keeping the connection has helped me to continue my journey and deal with some new and challenging issues that have arisen from COVID-19. Well done, Catholic Charities!”
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*  

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Schools in the Diocese of Austin with outstanding participation in each of our four areas of engagement: learn, serve, give, and share  
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St. Michael’s Catholic Academy, Austin  
St. Theresa’s Catholic School, Austin  
St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Brenham  
City of Bryan  
City of Austin, Austin Public Health  
St. Anthony Catholic Church, Bryan  
Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund  
Brazos Valley Gives  
Austin Energy  
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Anonymous  
Amplify Austin  
Baylor Scott & White Health – Central Texas Division  
Blanche M. Walsh Charity Trust  
Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund  
Bryan Rotary Club  
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Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley  
Ladies of Charity, Lake Travis  
Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception  
Naval Station Chapel, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba  
Sacred Heart Catholic School, La Grange  
San Jose Catholic Church, Austin  
St. Anthony Catholic Church, Bryan  
St. Austin Catholic Church, Austin  
Catholic Diocese of Austin  
Consulate General of Mexico in Austin  
Dell Employee Engagement Fund  
Estes Audiology Hearing Center H-E-B  
IBM Employee Services Center  
Kellen Commercial Interiors Inc.  
Maher Properties  
Munday Trust Number One National Charity League, Inc., Treaty Oak Chapter  
PMB Helin Donovan  
Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC  
Steel Branding  
Texas Alliance for Life  
Texas Gas Service  
The Bank and Trust  
Unicare Life and Health Insurance Company  
United Way of the Brazos Valley  
Walmart 2991  
Wells Fargo  
Whole Foods Market  
YMSL Northwest Hills Chapter

CHARITY OF CHOICE VOLUNTEERS  
Volunteers dedicating 40 hours or more per year to the mission  
Lucy Aff  
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Soña Alvarado  
Litzy Amaro  
Yolanda Barrientos  
Rod Bordelon  
Carrie Bracht  
Bill Carson  
Robert Cavazos  
Cheryl Daniel  
Elise DeGidio  
Kevin Dywer  
Mary Dywer  
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Bryan Texas Utilities  
Catholic Charities USA  
Catholic Diocese of Austin  
Consulate General of Mexico in Austin  
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FAITH COMMUNITIES  
Parishes, ministries, and other faith communities providing financial support  
Catholic Daughters of America Court #1962  
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Waco Deanery  
Highland Park Baptist Church, Austin  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Fredericksburg  
Kappa Theta Beta Catholic Sorority, College Station  
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Ladies of Charity, Lake Travis  
Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception  
Naval Station Chapel, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba  
Sacred Heart Catholic School, La Grange  
San Jose Catholic Church, Austin  
Society of St. Katharine Drexel  
St. Anthony Catholic Church, Bryan  
St. Austin Catholic Church, Austin  
St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Austin  
St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Round Rock  
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rockdale  
St. Mary’s Catholic Center, College Station  
St. Mary Catholic Church, Caldwell  
St. Mary Catholic Church, Hearne  
St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Brenham  
St. Paul Catholic Church, Smithville  
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Horseshoe Bay  
St. Philip Catholic Church, China Spring  
St. Theresa’s Catholic School, Austin  
St. William Catholic Church, Round Rock  
Women’s Guild of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bryan

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Travis County Health & Human Services

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