

Message of Hope

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Dear Friends,

I'm writing this letter just off the heels of our Creating Hope in the Brazos Valley event. It was an incredible evening! Not only because we had the chance to spend time with our Brazos Valley supporters—although that is always a gift—but because this year's client speaker, Holly, blessed us with one of the most moving testimonies I've ever heard in my nearly ten years at Catholic Charities of Central Texas.

When Holly came to us, she was moving into a domestic violence shelter with her children. But with help from her case manager, Holly made a staggering transformation. Today, she is a thriving career woman supporting her children on her own.

That's the magic of Catholic Charities. Holly's case manager didn't just give her a pack of diapers and send her on her way. Holly had someone to advocate for her and to be her support system—not just in motherhood, but in all aspects of her life. That extra love and guidance was all it took for Holly to spread her wings and begin to thrive.

People just like Holly walk the halls of Catholic Charities every single day. We are so proud to support them alongside you.

Thank you to those who took the time to celebrate with us at Creating Hope!



Bishop Joe Vásquez blesses CCCTX client speaker, Holly, who sits next to her case manager, Nancy Fuentes.



Knights of Columbus Council 3205 presents CCCTX staff and leadership with a check to support our work in the Brazos Valley.

Blessings,

Sara Ramirez
Executive Director



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Changing Lives Together

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW PROGRAM: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

We are proud to announce our newest program at CCCTX—Refugee Resettlement Services! This program is dedicated to helping refugees from places like Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Cuba socially adjust as they start their new life here in Central Texas. It includes a wide range of social services, such as cultural adjustment support, employment placement, and more.



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

Learn more!

Find out how you
can help a refugee
make **here** home.



The CCCTX Refugee Resettlement Services team met with Texas Office for Refugees (TXOR) to discuss their new program.

HOUSING UNHOUSED VETERANS

Our St. Michael's Veteran Services (SMVS) program is boldly working to end veteran homelessness in Austin. We've hired staff members whose entire focus is to work individually with veterans, help them solve their unique challenges, and ultimately ensure they are housing stable.

In March, SMVS moved a veteran named Jaime into stable housing. This was a proud moment for Jaime and the entire SMVS staff, who worked together to make his new house a home. Jaime is the first of many formerly homeless veterans who now have the safe, stable home they deserve thanks to Catholic Charities!



Veteran Jaime and SMVS staff member Andrew work together to stock his kitchen.



The SMVS team smiles alongside their veteran client, Jaime, in his new home.

Serving Central Texas

BE BOLD CAMPAIGN

This fall, Catholic Charities launched our “Be Bold Campaign” — a \$1 million fundraising campaign to support our newest initiatives to end poverty in Central Texas.

Together, our supporters across Central Texas have helped us reach 93% percent of our fundraising goal!

Your support of our Be Bold Campaign will help us take bold action to house homeless veterans, help refugees, prevent homelessness in our community, and so much more.

**ONE
MILLION**

93%

RECORD-BREAKING AMPLIFY AUSTIN DAY

The results are in...this year, our community shattered our Amplify Austin goal! In just 24 hours, you helped us raise more than \$36,000 to support our bold initiatives like housing homeless veterans, helping refugees, and more. This was the most successful Amplify Austin Day in our history! Thank you for your generosity, for taking advantage of employer matches, and putting Catholic Charities in the top 40 out of more than 700 participating nonprofits. We will continue to make you proud!

We're so close to reaching our goal!

Will you help us cross the finish line by donating today?

BRAZOS VALLEY AMBASSADOR CIRCLE KICKOFF

In March, we hosted our first-ever Ambassador Circle Gathering in the Brazos Valley! Thank you to our new Ambassadors for joining us and for their commitment to advance the Catholic Charities mission in our Brazos Valley community. Special thanks to Michael O'Quinn, CCCTX board member, for hosting us in his home!



Ron Gay (CCCTX board president) and Michael O'Quinn (CCCTX board member) smile at our inaugural Ambassador Circle Gathering on March 30.



Brazos Valley Ambassador Circle members represent Catholic Charities by wearing their “Be Bold” t-shirts during their Camino de Santiago pilgrimage!

TRENDING WAY TO DONATE: CRYPTOCURRENCY

Did you know? Catholic Charities of Central Texas now accepts crypto donations! Donate Bitcoin, Ethereum and other cryptocurrencies to us and reduce your tax-gain burdens. To learn more, visit our website or reach out to Kevyn Barnes, Advancement Associate, at 512-651-6126 or kevyn-barnes@ccctx.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS HIRING!

We're hiring for some exciting roles across Central Texas.

Scan the code to see our job openings and apply today!



Save the Dates!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEEKEND

August 26 & 27, 2023
At your parish

CCCTX 25TH ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY

September 14, 2023 | 5:30 PM–8:00 PM
Catholic Charities Austin Office

AUSTIN OPEN HOUSE

September 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM–1:30 PM
Catholic Charities Austin Office

An opportunity for community partners to tour our facility and learn how we can work together to serve our community.

BRAZOS VALLEY OPEN HOUSE

September 29, 2023 | 10:30 AM–1:00 PM
Catholic Charities Brazos Valley Office

CREATING HOPE IN CENTRAL TEXAS EVENT

November 8, 2023 | 5:30 PM–8:00 pm
New venue! Hotel Viata
320 S Capital of Texas Hwy
West Lake Hills, TX 78746

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