



Building to Serve

A Campaign to Build the New Family Opportunity Center

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ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

1 in 5 CHILDREN IN HOUSTON LIVES IN A HOME THAT STRUGGLES TO KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE



In Houston, too many families are grappling with the harsh realities of poverty, hunger and the threat of homelessness. Despite the city's vibrancy, many households face the stark challenge of putting food on the table and making ends meet. These families need our help as they navigate through these tough times.

The Family Opportunity Center will greatly increase our ability to help hungry, homeless and hurting Houstonians.

An increasing number of Houston families need food assistance. We want to do more, but we are constrained by the size and condition of our current facility – Guadalupe Center, located just east of downtown Houston. In addition, the neighborhood is transitioning, so many of our clients have moved as housing becomes unaffordable. They are forced to travel long distances to reach the pantry.



During drive-through food distributions, cars must line up around the block. Only a few cars can fit in the loading area. Inside, pantry and storage space are cramped, limiting how clients can select the food they want for their families.



Guadalupe Center
Located at 326 S. Jensen
Current food pantry location



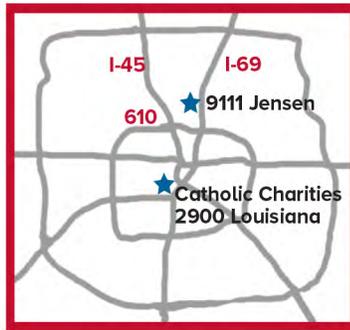
WITH YOUR HELP, WE WILL BUILD THE NEW FAMILY OPPORTUNITY CENTER

In an effort to dramatically improve access to food and other services to low-income Houstonians, Catholic Charities plans to build the new Family Opportunity Center. Anchored by a market-style food pantry, the center will house several programs so families will not have to travel to multiple locations to get food, conduct a job search, or get housing or utility assistance.



FEATURES

- A state-of-the-art market style food pantry
- Dedicated space for drive-thru food distributions
- Case managers to help clients work toward self-sufficiency and provide a gateway to services
- Help for families to secure housing or avoid eviction through rent and utility assistance, employment services, and financial education
- Support for mothers with very young children to help them thrive and achieve stability
- Affordable, high-quality mental health counseling
- A new home for our neighbor, Martha's Kitchen, which provides hot meals to the needy
- Room to quickly stand up disaster recovery services, including powerful generators to enable operations even during power outages



SITE DETAILS

- Located at 9111 Jensen Dr. in one of Houston's poorest neighborhoods
- 5.658 acres, 60,000 square feet
- Building will have ample warehouse space for food storage
- Accessible with 200+ parking spaces and multiple nearby bus stops
- Space for collaborators and expansion during times of disaster or high need
- Easy access by mass transit
- Dedicated space for food distributions

INVESTMENT: \$25M
OPEN BY 2028

THE NEW FACILITY WILL BE 15 TIMES LARGER THAN THE GUADALUPE CENTER, ALLOWING US TO DISTRIBUTE TWICE AS MUCH FOOD AND HOUSE MULTIPLE PROGRAMS



Expanding our capacity is crucial to meet the growing needs of struggling families. Having a variety of services in one place will greatly increase the accessibility of our assistance while treating clients with dignity in a warm and welcoming environment.



OUR VISION

People of faith helping people in need achieve self-sufficiency and live with dignity.

OUR MISSION

Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities helps people in southeast Texas by providing caring, compassionate services and advocating for social justice in collaboration with parishes and communities.

OUR CORE VALUES

FAITH Inspired by the Gospel and our Catholic tradition, we serve as a healing presence with special concern for our neighbors who are vulnerable, respecting their diversity and dignity.

INTEGRITY We foster a high quality workplace and inspire trust through personal leadership. We are honest and ethical in all aspects of our organization.

COLLABORATION We work together with people who support common values and vision to achieve shared goals.

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