



Your generosity allowed Nicole to focus on caring for her son.

## You Kept the Lights on for Nicole and Her Family

### **Nicole had nowhere to turn, and you rescued her!**

Nicole is a single mother raising three children by herself. Life was hard, but it got much harder when her oldest son, Xavier, was injured in an accident. Without medical insurance she had to care for him while he recovered, and eventually Nicole lost her job. Bills began piling up and she didn't know where to turn.

You were there for Nicole's family in this challenging time.

Nicole had steady work as a waitress, and she worked hard at it, taking extra shifts whenever she could. But being a mom was always her number one priority.

After Xavier's accident, Nicole gave him the nursing care he needed. But, without a job, it was impossible to keep up with rent, utilities, and Xavier's medical bills.

Because of you, Nicole received emergency financial assistance that paid her past due utility bills and kept the lights on for the family until she could go back to work.

***"I felt so defeated in life," Nicole said. "But you gave me hope."***

Xavier is fully recovered now, and Nicole is back to work. You made a difference and helped them get through this difficult time in their lives.

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## Your Donations @ Work

### You Helped Maria When She Lost Her Job

#### Because of you, this hard-working mom and her children didn't end up homeless

Maria is a single mother who always worked hard to take care of her children. She put in long hours working as a waitress – it wasn't an easy job and it didn't pay well, but she was able to give her children a home and food to eat.

They were living paycheck to paycheck but getting by. That all changed when the restaurant closed, and Maria lost her job.

But you came to the rescue, and helped the family until Maria could find another job.

***"I am so grateful for this help," Maria said. "I was worried we'd be on the streets."***

The assistance you made possible gave her the time she needed to find another job at a local car wash. Money is still tight, but now she can pay her bills while she searches for a better job.

Because of you, Maria and her children didn't end up homeless and are on their way to self-sufficiency.



You made sure Maria and her boys did not lose their home.



Cynthia N. Colbert, MSW  
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### Your Generosity Makes a Difference

*"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."*

– St. Teresa of Kolkata

What powerful and inspirational words from a dedicated servant of Christ. Mother Teresa dedicated her life to service in Kolkata, a truly impoverished place in India. When her work there was done, Kolkata still had poverty and need, but surely it was better off because of her service.

When you give a gift to a family in need, or a man who is homeless, or a struggling mother, it has an impact. Whether your gift is a drop in the ocean, a splash, or an ocean itself, it makes a difference. There will always be someone in need in the Greater Houston area, and your contribution – however big or small – gives help and hope.

Thank you for your continued "drops in the ocean" as we strive to serve our neighbors in need.

In the peace of Christ,

*Cynthia N. Colbert*

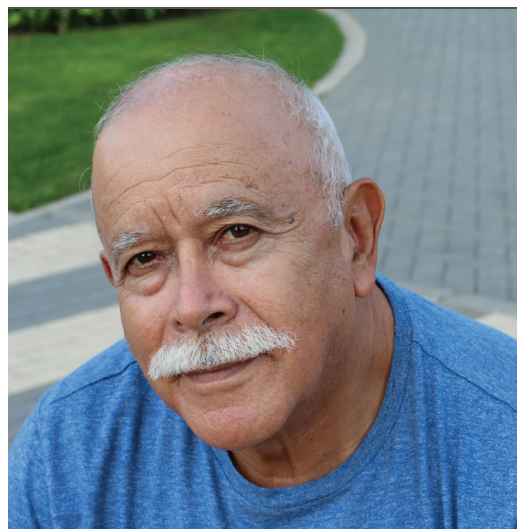




## You Gave Greg Shelter After a Devastating Fire

### Because of you, Greg is no longer homeless

Like many seniors, Greg is retired and lives on a small Social Security check. It's not much, but it was enough to get by. When Greg lost his house in a fire, he became homeless for the first time and worried how he'd ever recover.



Thanks to you, Greg is rebuilding his life.

Because of you, Greg has a roof over his head and is quickly rebuilding his life.

When Greg's mother died, he inherited his childhood home. It was paid off, so he had nothing to worry about financially other than the occasional repair. When the house was completely destroyed by a fire, Greg was homeless for the first time in his life.

***"I never thought this would happen to me," Greg said.***

Your generosity helped Greg with a temporary stay in a motel until he could find something more permanent. Then your support helped him buy some tools and start working doing odd jobs. It's not much but he's slowly earning money to rebuild his house.

Greg also got help accessing senior benefits like meal programs, and even gets his groceries at our food pantry.

You made this all possible!

Greg was homeless for nearly a year, and that experience wore on him. Now, because of you, he has his life back on track.

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### Be Their Hero!

For as little as \$10 a month, you can feed a hungry family.

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## Mission Moment

### Evelyn Can't Afford Food – You Can Help

**For just \$27.93, you can make sure she doesn't go hungry**

Evelyn's working days are over. She's 78, but still lives on her own, supported by benefits and a modest pension. The money coming in doesn't change, but money goes out faster and faster every month.

Unfortunately, situations like Evelyn's are all too common. Seniors live on fixed incomes that don't change, even when prices are skyrocketing. Every month Evelyn worries about what she'll have to give up so that she can eat.

But this doesn't have to be the case. Let me explain.

For just \$27.93, you can provide a week of nutritious food to Evelyn and seniors like her.

***You can prevent a senior from going hungry today.***

Maybe you've never experienced that weak feeling you get when you haven't eaten in too long or that gnawing fear of not knowing where your next meal will come from. Or even having to decide what you'll give up so you can buy a gallon of milk.

No one should have to feel this way. No one should be hungry. And with your donation of \$27.93 today one senior – at least for a week – won't have to!

Please – before you put this newsletter down – make a gift to help a hungry senior and support all the work Catholic Charities does.



Your gift will give Evelyn nutritious food.



#### YES, I WANT MY NEXT GIFT TO HELP A HUNGRY SENIOR

I know there is a senior who is hungry and needs my help. I'm ready to give them the food they need to be healthy. Please use my gift to help a hungry senior and support all the work Catholic Charities does.

Please accept my tax-deductible gift in the amount of:

- ☐ \$27.93 to feed a hungry senior for a week
- ☐ \$55.86 to feed two hungry seniors for a week
- ☐ \$111.72 to feed four hungry seniors for a week
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to feed as many hungry seniors as possible

Mail this form to Catholic Charities, 2900 Louisiana St., Houston, Texas 77006

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