



Because of supporters like you, Rachel and her family found relief and a better life through Catholic Charities' Cabrini Center.

You Helped a Young Assault Victim Find Hope Through the Cabrini Center

Rachel was only 13 when an older cousin began sexually assaulting her. He threatened to kill her and her family if she told anyone. After months of abuse, she discovered she was pregnant.

Scared and heartbroken, she found the courage to tell her family. Her family was undocumented, and they feared calling the police would result in their deportation.

Despite their fears, they reported the assaults to the police. The whole family helped provide information and identify the suspect, who was arrested.

Thanks to you, attorneys at the Cabrini Center helped Rachel and her family gain a visa that provided valid, legal status and an official identity in the United States. The visa also put them on the path to citizenship.

At age 14, Rachel gave birth to a baby girl. Because of your support, having legal status meant Rachel could get a driver's license, finish high school and pursue a career in dentistry. Her mother now helps take care of the young child so Rachel can go to classes. Legal status also allowed Rachel's father to start a successful landscaping business, which his wife and son help run.

Because of your help, the Cabrini Center enabled Rachel and her family to overcome trauma and made a new life possible.



Because of your support, Catholic Charities was able to provide assistance in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Relief, Recovery and Rebuilding: Catholic Charities' Response in the Aftermath of Hurricane Harvey

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, your support enabled our organization to set up multiple disaster relief operations across the region to provide basic needs, assistance with applying for FEMA, referrals, counseling and more. We helped nearly **20,000** people in those first few months.

More than six months after Harvey stormed ashore major challenges still remain. But thanks to you, Catholic Charities will be here to help individuals and families recover.

In April, we presented the first President's Community Update Series hosted by Cynthia N. Colbert, MSW, President & CEO of Catholic Charities. This series is an opportunity to hear from experts about issues affecting our community, and to learn more about Catholic Charities and its work. Cynthia, along with Disaster Recovery Services Program Director Matt Johns, discussed the many ways you helped Catholic Charities serve our community in those first few weeks. Your generosity helped provide assistance for rent or mortgage, temporary housing, utilities, food, health care, transportation and more to recovering families.

As the weeks, months and even years go on, Catholic Charities – the region's leader in long-term disaster case management – will be here to help our community recover thanks to people like you for *providing help* and *creating hope* to those in need.



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MAY 12, 2018

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For 75 Years, Catholic Charities Has Answered the Moral Imperative to Welcome the Weary



From its start in 1943, Catholic Charities has adapted to the needs of the Greater Galveston-Houston community. We serve people in need through food pantries, shelters for unaccompanied immigrant children, counseling, services for seniors, resettlement for refugees, disaster relief and more.

With the generous support of our community, our 75-year-old nonprofit continues to adapt and change to meet the challenges of today. One of our

more recent additions is the Crime Victims Assistance Program, part of Catholic Charities' Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance. Cabrini operates as a nonprofit law firm, providing free or low-cost legal services to thousands of immigrants each year. Sadly, many immigrants have experienced abuse, sexual assault, trafficking or other traumas – in their home countries or after they arrived here.

As followers of Christ, we are called to protect immigrants and refugees; Pope Francis calls this responsibility a “moral imperative.”

In 2017, speaking in Rome, Pope Francis said, “We have a duty toward our brothers and sisters who ... have been forced to leave their homeland: a duty of justice, of civility and of solidarity. Solidarity is born ... from the capacity to understand the needs of our brothers and sisters who are in difficulty and to take responsibility for these needs. For us Christians, hospitality offered to the weary traveler is offered to Jesus Christ himself, through the newcomer: ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me’ (Matt. 25:35).”

Thanks to our faithful supporters, we can assist people like Rachel, who was assaulted at age 13 but has found hope and a new life in our welcoming city. You help us turn tragedy into triumph, allowing us to provide assistance to vulnerable individuals who have nowhere else to turn.

We are so grateful God has called you to partner with us in changing lives. Thank you, and may God bless you.

With heartfelt gratefulness,

Cynthia N. Colbert

Cynthia N. Colbert, MSW
President and CEO

Program Feature

Your Support Helps Crime Victims Who Turn to Catholic Charities for Legal Assistance



With your support, the Cabrini Center is able to provide relief to victims of violent crimes who are otherwise unable to afford legal representation. Elise Griesmyer, Cabrini Center Crime Victims Program Supervising Attorney, and Camille Van Kote, Equal Justice Works Fellow/Staff Attorney, are two of the many attorneys that are able to help these families rebuild their lives thanks to you.

Every year, because of you, Cabrini's Crime Victims Assistance Program helps hundreds of immigrants who have been victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault and other crimes with legal services to rebuild their lives.

Some victims of domestic violence and sexual assault often do not report crimes out of fear of deportation, fear of further violence to themselves or their families, and fear their children will be taken away. Federal immigration law provides special visas to victims to encourage them to report and cooperate in the investigation and prosecution of crimes to keep our communities safe.

Thanks to you, the Crime Victims Assistance team has been extremely successful in helping provide clients legal services, reuniting victims with their families, and connecting them with critical resources across Houston such as counseling, housing or food assistance.

Sometimes, a client will say, “I’m so thankful you’re helping me get a visa, but I don’t have diapers for my kids today.” Thanks to your support, Catholic Charities is able to provide tangible help through its network to take care of clients’ immediate, urgent needs.



Helping Hands

Thank you to the team from Deloitte for sorting donations at our warehouse that will help refugee families begin a new life here in our welcoming city!

Get your group involved in volunteering with Catholic Charities by contacting Karina Hernandez at 713.874.6645 or KHernandez@CatholicCharities.org.

New Programs

Catholic Charities Introduces Two New Programs Serving Galveston Community Thanks to Your Help

Catholic Charities has served the Galveston community through major natural disasters since 1943, and the organization has supported individuals and families in the midst of personal disasters as well.

Because of your generous support, Catholic Charities will expand its services to those in need in the Galveston and Bay Area.

As part of the organization’s plans to establish a long-term disaster presence throughout the Houston region, the Disaster Recovery Services program will expand services to those impacted by natural disasters in the Galveston and Bay Area. Thanks to you, Catholic Charities will be able to offer basic needs, financial assistance, and case management services to help them rebuild their lives.

The Galveston Bay Area office of Catholic Charities also introduced a new program for women veterans.

The Women Veteran Services program will extend its current services for female veterans to those in Galveston County. With your help, Catholic Charities will offer case management, housing assistance, utility assistance, and a peer-to-peer group to help women heal from past trauma.

The program will also offer one-on-one VA claims assistance in Galveston on a monthly basis to connect the women to additional services and support that may be available to them.

Your support also enables Catholic Charities to continue offering our transitional housing services for any woman veteran in Galveston that is homeless.



Several of Catholic Charities' women veteran clients helped unload donation trucks during Hurricane Harvey.



Thanks to you, Catholic Charities offers peer-to-peer groups where women veterans can feel safe to share their experiences with their peers, which helps them on the path to healing and self-sufficiency.



Parts of Galveston County have been devastated by disasters like Harvey, but with your help, Catholic Charities is able to offer case management services to help families rebuild and recover.



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Share the Mission Mass & Reception Celebrates Catholic Charities' 75 Years of Changing Lives

Catholic Charities commemorated its 75th Anniversary at its Share the Mission Mass and Reception at Strake Jesuit on March 18, 2018.

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo celebrated mass with supporters and friends of Catholic Charities who enjoyed music provided by the St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School choir. He highlighted the organization's mission of service to help those in need become self-sufficient, and thanked those in attendance for their dedicated support of Catholic Charities throughout the years.

The mass was followed by a reception where guests mingled, and enjoyed light bites and refreshments. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate 75 years of changing lives with us!



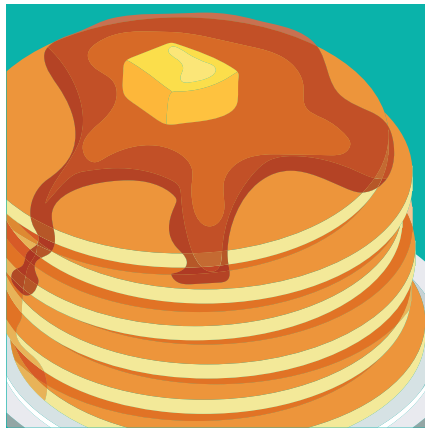
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A Cardinal's Christmas

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