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The Life and Dignity of the Human Person:
Care for Our Seniors

Featuring

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Opening Prayer:

God, source of all light,
We are surrounded by the darkness of
The injustices experienced by your people,
The poor who are hungry and search shelter,
The sick who seek relief,
The immigrant who seek refuge
The frail and elderly who seek sustenance
And the downtrodden who seek help in their hopelessness.

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Surround us and fill us with your Spirit who is Light
Lead us in your way to be light to your people.
Help us to be salt for our community
As we share your love with those caught in the struggles of life.
We desire to be your presence to the least among us
And to know your presence in them as we work through you
To bring justice and peace to this world in desperate need.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever
and ever. Amen.

Catholic Charities Senior Program Presentation



People of Faith. Helping People in Need.





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.



Catholic Charities brings help and hope to people in need, especially the poor and vulnerable

- We believe that every life is precious and should be treated with respect and dignity
- We serve families and individuals to help them achieve self-sufficiency
- The heart of our faith is to serve the most vulnerable, including children and seniors



We serve an average of 100,000 people in the greater Galveston-Houston region each year.

- We serve people across the Archdiocese from offices located in Harris, Fort Bend and Galveston counties
- We advocate for social justice in collaboration with local parishes and communities



AREA LOCATIONS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAIN OFFICE:

- St. Frances Cabrini Center
- Refugee Resettlement
- St. Jerome Emiliani Foster Care
- St. Michael's Home for Children
- Stable Homes Program

W.T. & LOUISE J. MORAN HEALTH CENTER, JOHN S. DUNN BUILDING

- Blessed Beginnings Life Center
- Counseling and Behavioral Health Clinic
- Senior Services

MAMIE GEORGE COMMUNITY CENTER

- Blessed Beginnings Parenting Education
- Family Assistance
- Trini's Corner Market (food pantry)
- Patty's Café (senior meals)
- Senior Services
- Women Veterans Program

ST. FRANCES CABRINI CENTER FOR IMMIGRANT LEGAL ASSISTANCE

GUADALUPE CENTER

- Family Assistance
- Lowenstein Foundation
- Pan De Vida Food Pantry

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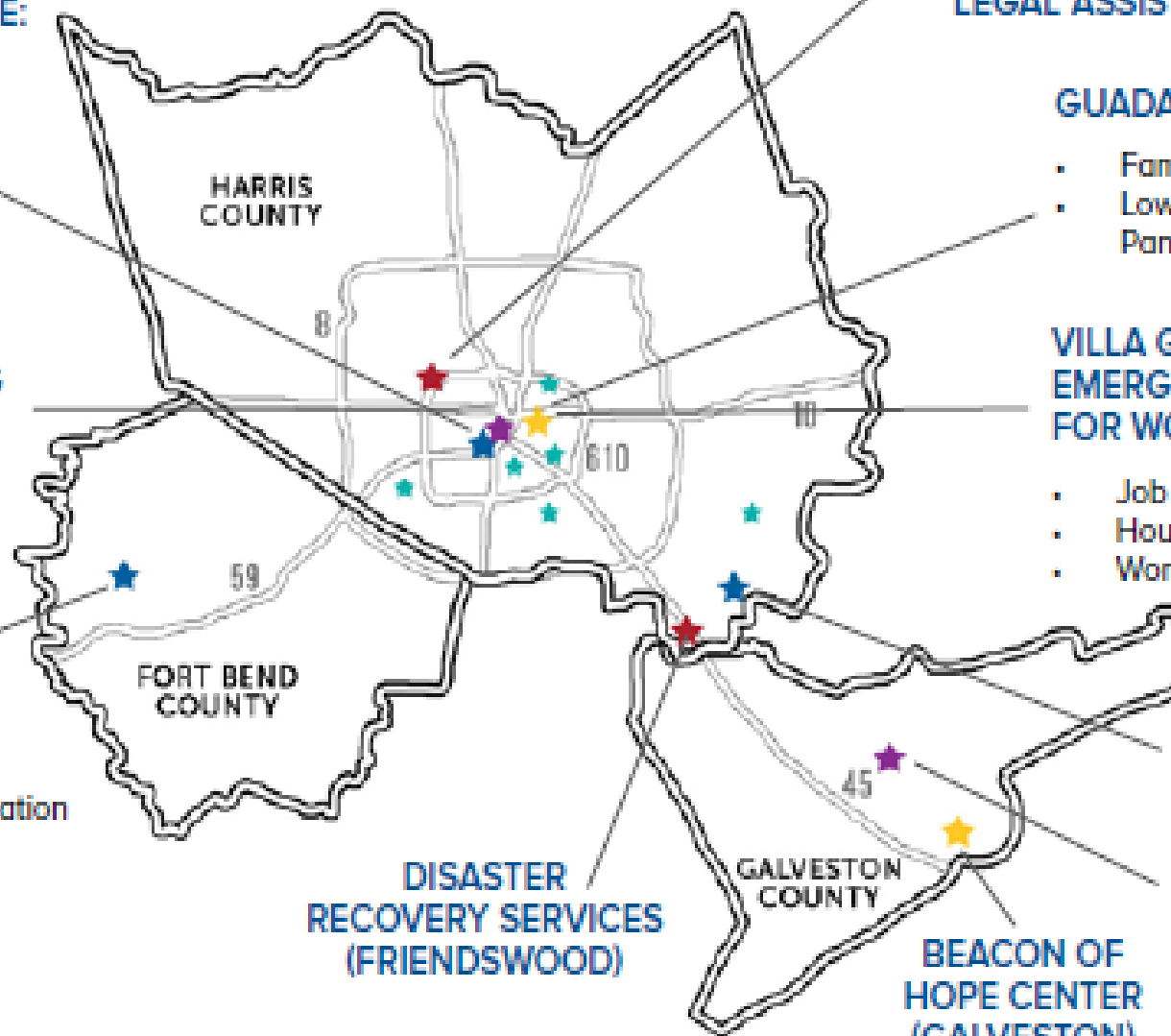
- Job Training
- Housing Assistance
- Women Veterans Program

UNITED WAY BAY AREA SERVICE CENTER

BEACON OF HOPE CENTER (TEXAS CITY)

BEACON OF HOPE CENTER (GALVESTON)

DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES (FRIENDSWOOD)



We are guided by Catholic faith to serve people of all beliefs

- We believe we are one human family, regardless of any differences
- Catholic Charities is the social services arm of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, and a separate nonprofit organization *(or, a separate 501(c)(3) organization)*
- We live the social teachings of the Catholic Church by reaching out to those in need, suffering a crisis, or hurting in more hidden ways
- As we were taught in Matthew 25:40: In [truth](#) I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me





SENIOR PROGRAM



- The senior program supports independent living for seniors 60 years and older residing in Harris and Fort Bend County
- Our compassionate staff visits with seniors on an ongoing basis.
- We work with each senior to assess their needs, then provide assistance and connections to resources.
- Many seniors are lonely, so we also create opportunities for fellowship.



We help seniors to think through important areas of their life

- Health and Medical Needs
 - How to manage medications
 - How to communicate with doctors
 - How to understand their medical insurance
 - How to get medical equipment
- Family Support
- Home Safety
- Benefits
- Education
 - How to protect yourself from scams
 - Understand their rights
 - How to understand their medical insurance
 - How to get medical equipment
- Community resources like food pantries, transportation, medical services, home health care, home help
- Information and Referral



Additional Program Information

- Shoebox project
 - Certified Benefits Counselors
 - Collaboration with the Houston/Harris County Area Agency on Aging
- Quarterly client socialization events integrating learning opportunities, arts and crafts, and entertainment.







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Closing Prayer:

Lord of light, burn brightly in us as we continue to faithfully live the gospel message of unity, charity and justice. Help us to share this message through our ministry and through our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.