



Your gifts gave Kendrea the resources and knowledge she needed to care for her second child.

## You Helped Kendrea Face the Challenge of a Second Child

**Kendrea was scared, but because of you, she now has the confidence to care for her second child**

Kendrea struggled with severe post-partum depression after giving birth to her first son. And, when he was just nine months old, Kendrea got news she wasn't ready for -- she was pregnant again.

Because of you, she got help from Catholic Charities. Kendrea learned about parenting and received essential supplies -- diapers, formula, bottles, clothing - to help her through this challenging time.

Kendrea knew that taking care of a baby is a lot of work and expensive. That's what scared her the most when she learned a second one was on the way.

"I was having a hard time preparing for another baby," Kendrea admitted.

***"I wish there were more programs like this out there to help other mothers like me."***

Because of your generosity, Kendrea received diapers, formula and essentials she needed. She also attended parenting classes that taught her how to cope with a second child and gave her the confidence and support she needed.

"Receiving diaper assistance helped me out a lot," she said.

Thank you for supporting mothers like Kendrea when they need a helping hand!

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to an Expectant Mother**

## Your Donations @ Work

### You Helped Neil After He Lost His Job

#### Because of you, Neil and his daughters remained housed

After a nasty custody battle, Neil won full custody of his daughters. Then he lost his job. Neil worried about being able to keep his children fed, and eviction loomed.

But then you came to his rescue. Thanks to your generosity, Neil received emergency financial assistance that helped keep his family in their home.

***“You helped me focus on finding work.”***

Custody battles are hard. Losing your job right after is even harder. Because of you, Neil could breathe a sigh of relief during one of the most difficult times in his life.

Because you provided Neil with emergency assistance, he was able to earn a mechanic's certification that led to him getting a steady, well-paying job. He's now catching up on past due rent and once again enjoying life with his daughters.

Thank you for being there when one of our neighbors needed you the most!



You kept Neil and his children safe from the threat of eviction.



Cynthia N. Colbert, MSW  
President and CEO

### You Provide Shelter and Support to Our Neighbors in Need

*“We can find no social or moral justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing.” – Pope Francis*

Our Holy Father has strong words about the cruelty of homelessness and reminds us that Jesus was born into a homeless family. Lack of shelter truly is an ancient problem, and quite simply, an injustice. On behalf of the thousands of families we serve, thank you for opening your heart to prevent our brothers and sisters from becoming homeless.

The reasons someone finds themselves without shelter are plentiful – a tornado, job loss, rising medical costs. But, with your generosity, you look beyond reasons to address the issue itself, and help our neighbors gain one of life's most essential needs -- shelter.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to see Christ in all those who need our assistance.

In the peace of Christ,

*Cynthia N. Colbert*





## You Rescued Leanne When a Tornado Toppled Her Home

### Because of you, Leanne had a roof over her head

Leanne feared the worst when the tornado ripped through her neighborhood. She was working when she received a mobile alert to shelter in place. When she got home, her trailer was on its side. For the next few days, Leanne's car became her home.



Thanks to your gift, victims of the January tornado received the help they needed to recover.

Thanks to you, Leanne received emergency financial assistance for a motel while she waited on insurance payments. Your generosity gave Leanne a bed to sleep in and a roof over her head when she needed it most.

*"I was so humbled by the way you helped me."*

On a Tuesday in late January, Leanne went to work as a substitute teacher. Tornado sirens sounded as a twister with wind speeds of 140 miles per hour approached.

When Leanne got home in the evening, she saw her home lying on its side, a large structure effortlessly flipped by the winds of the storm. While Leanne waited for her insurance company, she thought sleeping in her car was her only option.

Because of you, she was able to stay in a motel for a week and a half while she searched for a more permanent home.

Thank you for always stepping up when disaster impacts our neighbors.

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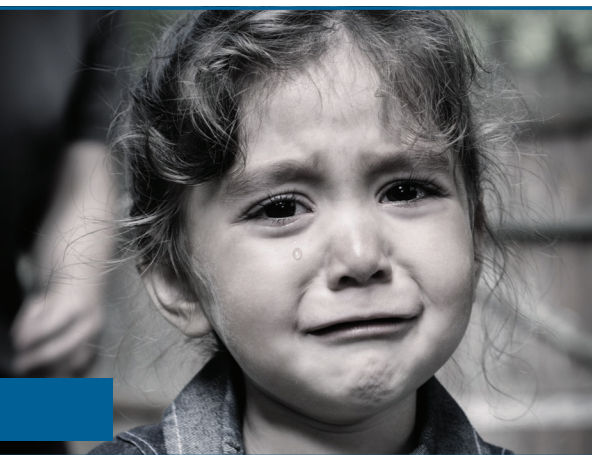
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For as little as \$10 a month, you can help those suffering in the Greater Houston area.

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## Mission Moment

### Jolene and Her Son Need A Place to Live – You Can Help

**For just \$37, you can keep her family safely housed for a week**

Jolene is worried, and her son can tell something is wrong. Last month, Jolene was let go from her job. The lights and the water were soon turned off, and eviction followed.

Sadly, families like Jolene's are all too common in the Houston area. They live paycheck to paycheck and, once that paycheck disappears, homelessness can quickly follow.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Let me explain.

For just \$37, you can provide a week of shelter for Jolene and her son. That stabilizing week gives the family the dignity of shelter and enables Jolene to continue her job search.



Your gift will provide security and dignity for this mother and her son.

#### ***You can help a family keep a roof over their heads***

Jolene had a full-time job and worked hard to provide a decent life for herself and her son. She never thought she would need to ask for help.

With just \$37, you can help Jolene breathe a sigh of relief as she seeks out a new job and new home for herself and her son.

Before she lost her job, Jolene was self-sufficient. With your help, she will get back there soon.



#### **YES, I WANT MY NEXT GIFT TO HELP A NEEDY FAMILY**

I know there is a family who is homeless and needs my help. I'm ready to give them the shelter they need to be safe. Please use my gift to help a family experiencing homelessness and support all the work Catholic Charities does.

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

- ☐ \$37 to house a needy family for a week
- ☐ \$74 to house two needy families for a week
- ☐ \$148 to house four needy families for a week
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as many needy families as possible

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

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