



Because of you, Rechael received food at the Guadalupe Food Pantry.

## You gave Rechael hope – and a new start

### Because of you, Rechael and her kids have stability

Rechael fled to Houston after a hurricane struck her hometown. She wasn't only fleeing weather, though. An abusive relationship forced her to leave New Orleans with her two kids, seeking a better life. It hasn't been easy.

But you're helping Rechael find purpose.

*Through your support, Rechael is on a path toward stability in her life.*

"Catholic Charities connected me with job resources, uniforms, food, and clothing," Rechael said. "They basically helped me rebuild my life."

When she moved to Houston, Rechael lived in a hotel, off-and-on, for more than a year.

Rechael worked a job that paid daily wages to stay in the room. When she caught COVID-19 and was unable to work, she knew her family would soon be homeless.

Through a hotel staff member, Rechael found Catholic Charities. Because of you, Rechael found stable housing and received help with the utility connection fees, daycare assistance, and a job search.

"I was on the verge of giving up and thought I'd have to give up my kids," Rechael said. "Catholic Charities gave me something to fight for."

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You helped a family  
begin again

## Your Donations @ Work

### You gave Samer and his family a new home

#### Because of you, Samer and his family feel safe

Samer, his wife Faten, and their five children fled Syria in 2012 during the civil war. They lived in a dirty and overcrowded refugee camp in Jordan for nine years, hoping to someday find a new home.



Because of you, Samer and his family are settled safely in Houston.

Then you gave them one here in Houston.

About a year ago, Samer and his family arrived in Houston, where they reunited with Samer's parents. Your support made it possible for the family to start fresh in the United States.

"We received a lot of help," Samer said.

***"If it wasn't for Catholic Charities, the situation would've been really bad."***

Your generosity provided rent, utility payments, furniture, and school enrollment assistance to help the family adjust to how things are done in their new country. You even helped Samer obtain his work authorization and find a job!

"It's safe and there's a better future for our kids and for us," Samer said. "It's very different for the better."



Cynthia N. Colbert, MSW  
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### You welcome the stranger, the "least" among us

*"Whatever you did for the least of my brothers of mine, you did for me."*  
– Matthew 25:40

In Matthew 25, Jesus says this oft-quoted verse. One directive that comes a few verses earlier has been in larger focus lately:

"Welcome the stranger."

Through our Cabrini Center for Immigration Legal Assistance and Refugee Resettlement Program, we give help and hope to those who seek a better life – like Samer and his family. With your support, we help families safely settle in their new home with legal assistance, cultural orientation, school enrollment, work authorization, rental assistance, and much more.

Migrants and refugees are often considered and, sadly, treated like the least among us. They flee violence, war, persecution, hunger, and other terrible threats to seek a better life here in the United States.

Because of you, we offer a warm welcome – just like Jesus taught us to do.

In the peace of Christ,

*Cynthia N. Colbert*



# You gave Dora and Angel hope – and food

## Because of you, Dora and Angel are no longer hungry

Dora has three children and does all she can to provide a good life for them. When she ran into a financial emergency, suddenly she didn't have enough money to feed her family and also pay the rent.

But you came to the rescue.

“We had a family emergency and were unable to afford food,” Dora said. “A family member referred us to Catholic Charities and we were helped immediately.”

Because of you, Dora was able to receive healthy foods for herself and her children. With that immediate need met, she was able to focus on recovering financially.

“I didn't know where to go,” Dora said. “I didn't know a lot of people.”

**“We were welcomed at Catholic Charities with open arms.”**

All Dora wanted to do was provide for her children, including her five-year-old, Angel, during a challenging time. Thanks to you, she has more than one angel in her life.

“I don't know where I'd be without the help,” she said. “Everyone has been very welcoming to me and my family. I'm thankful to God.”



Because of you, Angel has food and Dora doesn't have to worry.

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## Mission Moment

### Jonah doesn't know his mom is struggling – you can help

#### For just \$27.93, you can provide food for Jonah and his mom

Jonah doesn't know his mom went to bed hungry last night. He doesn't know she works two jobs and can barely afford to pay rent. He doesn't know she cries most nights after he falls asleep, and she skips meals so he can eat.

Jonah is a child, and he shouldn't have to know these things. But his mom is only one of many struggling single mothers in our community who barely gets by each day.

Eventually, Jonah will grow up and know something is wrong.

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

For just \$27.93, you can provide a week of food for Jonah and his mom.

#### *You can put food on the table for kids like Jonah today.*

Right now, Jonah is a three-year-old who loves life and his mom. He doesn't know anything is wrong. With just \$27.93, you can provide food – and financial relief – to Jonah's mom. Your support will be just what the family needs to get back on their feet.

Jonah doesn't know his mom is struggling. With your gift, you can take that struggle away.



Your gift will help Jonah go to bed each night with a full belly.



### YES, I WANT MY NEXT GIFT TO HELP A FAMILY IN NEED

I know there are families who are hungry and need my help. I'm ready to give them the food they need to be healthy. Please use my gift to help a family experiencing hunger and support all the work Catholic Charities does to help our struggling neighbors.

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

- \$27.93 to feed a family in need for one week
- \$55.86 to feed a family in need for two weeks
- \$111.72 to feed a family in need for three weeks
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to feed as many families as possible

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

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