

Message of Hope



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A FATHER'S RESILIENCE

With today's rising inflation and economic instability, many Central Texans are struggling to support their families—even those with a stable income. Joshua, this year's client speaker at our Creating Hope in the Brazos Valley event, knows this firsthand. Balancing his job as a dedicated educator for Bryan ISD and husband to a growing family, Joshua has experienced having to make trade-off decisions with paying the electric bill, buying supplies for their children, or settling mounting credit card debt.

"There were times I had emotional breakdowns [feeling like] I'm failing as a husband because of my struggle to provide for my family! These breakdowns prompted me to take action," said Joshua.

After finding our organization, Joshua and his family found the relief and support they needed: Catholic Charities of Central Texas (CCCTX) paid a month of rent and electricity and supplied the family with the essentials to raise their youngest. By having these expenses covered, Joshua could settle some smaller debts and regain control of their family finances.

"On behalf of my family and I, thank you to Catholic Charities which has helped me get through tough times in life while I continue to work for a better future."



Joshua Trevino speaking at CCCTX's Creating Hope in the Brazos Valley event in April.



Joshua and his growing family enjoying our Creating Hope program.

Dear Friends,



As we close out a remarkable milestone year, I am immensely grateful. Thank you for helping us celebrate 25 years of serving Central Texas! Our journey to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many Central Texans would not be possible without your belief in our mission and support of our efforts. We look forward with optimism and excitement to the next 25 years! We hope you enjoy these stories about the impact you're making in our community by supporting Catholic Charities of Central Texas.

Blessings,

Sara Ramirez
Executive Director

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED CREATING HOPE IN THE BRAZOS VALLEY!



Bishop Joe. S Vasquez meeting our guests before giving the Invocation to kick of the night.



A group of our Brazos Valley supporters enjoying our new venue at The Stella Hotel!



Our Brazos Valley Office staff enjoying the night.



Master of Ceremonies Roger Martinez and a few of his guests.

A CLIENT'S HEARTFELT THANKS

"Your (CCCTX) generosity has been a beacon of hope during a challenging time, illuminating my path with kindness and compassion. The assistance you've provided has not only eased the financial strain but has also lifted my spirits and renewed my faith in the goodness of humanity.

As I reflect on your kindness, I am reminded of the profound impact that acts of generosity can have on individuals and communities alike. Your organization's unwavering dedication to helping those in need is a testament to the power of compassion and solidarity."

-Karen, Financial Stability client

When Karen came to CCCTX for help, she was navigating her way through tough times including facing eviction from her home. CCCTX case manager, Victoria Garcia, witnessed Karen's distress and wanted to help her get caught up on rent and utilities as soon as possible. Victoria has seen the weight financial distress has put on individuals and families over the last seven years working for Catholic Charities.

"My favorite part about serving our clients is knowing that we have lifted a huge weight off their shoulders. Being in a similar situation at one point in my life, I have no doubt that our services provide a sense of relief. It has helped me realize the power of simply being there for someone."



Victoria Garcia, CCCTX Case Manager

HELPING VETERANS FIND HOME AGAIN

From veterans getting back on their feet post-service to those who have experienced homelessness, the value of a stable and safe home is significant. Our St. Michael's Veteran Services staff knows how important it is to give veterans a space to rebuild their lives. Over the last several months, our veterans program team has helped seven homeless veterans and their families move into a place of their own.

Our staff shared many laughs (and a few happy tears), getting the Washington family moved into a beautiful new apartment! Mrs. Washington said when the family came to visit recently, they immediately noticed how much happier she was. This is what a brighter tomorrow looks like at CCCTX!



The Washington family excited to be moving into their new apartment!



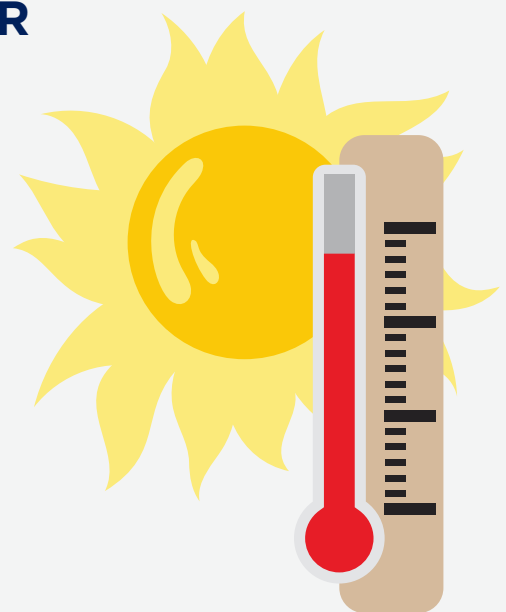
Pia Villalon, St. Michael's Veteran Services Director, gifts Mrs. Washington a move in kit from our partnership with the Ladies of Charity, Lake Travis.

LET'S MAKE SUMMER BRIGHTER

Did you know the summer months can be incredibly challenging for families facing financial hardships? Increased expenses like higher utility bills due to heat, extra meals for kids out of school, and added childcare costs make for a stressful time.

Your gifts to CCCTX help fuel stories like Joshua's, Karen's, and the Washington family! Thank you. But as we approach the warmer season in Central Texas, many families still need assistance. With your help, we can relieve burdens that come with the season, ensuring families can thrive year-round!

Scan this QR code to donate online, or fill out the enclosed envelope!



Save the Dates

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEEKEND

August 24 - 25, 2024
Awareness campaign in your parish!

ANNUAL GATHERING

September 5, 2024
Austin Campus
Look for your invitation in the mail and online in the Summer!

CREATING HOPE CENTRAL TEXAS

November 21, 2024
Archer Hotel - Domain
Austin, TX
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

GET INVOLVED

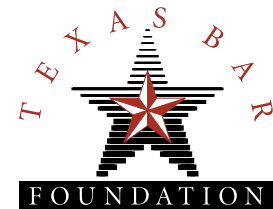


Welcome to our **60 new 25 Club members!** Our goal is to hit 100 members by the end of the year.

The 25 Club is the perfect opportunity to make a lasting change in your community in 2024! For just \$25 or more per month, you can give a new beginning to a person in poverty. Monthly giving is the most effective way to build lasting change.



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