

# Message of Hope

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Dear CC Family,

In November, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez announced Sara Ramirez's departure from Catholic Charities of Central Texas following her appointment as President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada. I am honored to serve Catholic Charities of Central Texas as Interim Executive Director as Sara embarks on her next chapter.

This mission is close to my heart, as I have dedicated the past 13 years of my career to this special organization. In that time, I have been blessed to witness and take part in serving thousands of our neighbors in their greatest time of need.

With Christ as our head, we the faithful are charged with carrying out his commandments to love God and our neighbor. Equipped with our unique gifts and talents, each of us plays an important role in providing help and hope to those around us. Our work is only possible because of your role in our mission. We are grateful to our donors, volunteers, parishes and community partners for lending their gifts in support of Catholic Charities.

I look forward to continuing to serve our community alongside you. We are many parts, but one Catholic Charities family united in Christ's love.

Blessings,



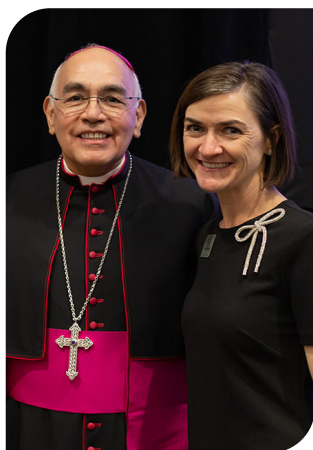
Allison Cavazos,  
Interim Executive Director

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## MISSION STATEMENT

People of faith serving anyone in need by strengthening families and promoting respect for human dignity and life.



## ABOUT ALLISON CAVAZOS

In her thirteen-year tenure with Catholic Charities, Allison has served as Director of Social Services, Associate Director of Parish Relations, and Director of Advancement. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Texas A&M University, a Master's in Social Work from the University of Texas in Austin, and an Executive Master of Nonprofit Administration from the University of Notre Dame. Allison previously served as chair of the Parish Social Ministry Leadership Team for Catholic Charities USA and is currently leading an initiative to develop a national Parish Social Ministry Certification through CCUSA. She and her husband Robert are active parishioners of St. Louis Catholic Church and School in Austin.





Attendees mingled during our social hour hosted on the patio of the beautiful Archer Hotel.



Joyce, one of our two client speakers, sharing the story of taking in her five grandchildren.



Creating Hope attendees listen to our evening program.

## CREATING HOPE IN CENTRAL TEXAS EVENT

At this year's Creating Hope in Central Texas, we celebrated inspiring stories of resilience, like Joyce's heartfelt testimony about the immense challenges she faced when taking in her five grandchildren—and her unwavering love and support that carried them through. With over 200 CCCTX friends in attendance, the power of community was on full display as together we raised \$569,565 to help families in need.

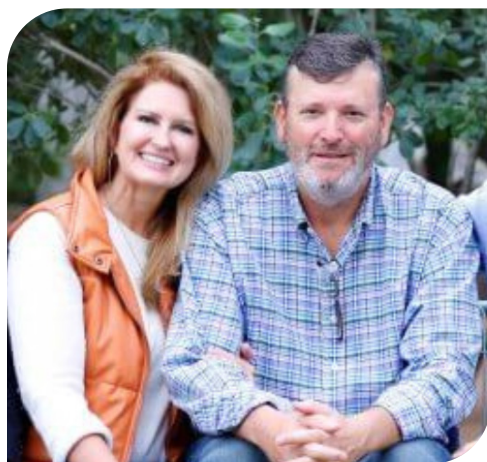
Because of you, we are there when a call for help is received. On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for your generous support!

*"Month after month, Catholic Charities was there, making sure we had a roof over our heads. They made me feel like I could get through this, like I could get on my feet again."*

*-Joyce, CCCTX Client*

## AMBASSADORS OF HOPE

We are incredibly blessed by the leadership and generosity of supporters like Michael and Carrie Crowley. The Crowleys are proud members of the Friends Society, a dedicated group of CCCTX supporters who transform lives through their generosity with a monthly gift of \$100 or more. The Crowleys are also Ambassador Circle members who embody service to their community by spreading the word of the Catholic Charities mission to their network. As honorary chairs at November's Creating Hope in Central Texas, their leadership was integral to the success of our event. The Crowleys continue to help amplify our work, inspiring others to join them in giving back to those who need it most.



## PARTNERSHIP WITH ACC HELPS CLIENTS REBUILD

Starting over in a new country is not easy, but vocational training provides a path to success for refugees. CCCTX partnered with Austin Community College (ACC) to offer our refugee clients the education needed to secure stable jobs in their new home. Many refugees have education and professional experience in their home country which, unfortunately, cannot be applied in the U.S. Our partnership with ACC allows our clients to work toward earning HVAC technician certifications, opening doors to a new career path so they can provide for their families. These students are committed, attending multiple classes each week to stay on track. Join us in congratulating our first class of refugee clients, who are graduating in March! While much of the cost of this program is covered through our partnership with ACC, we are grateful to the Ladies of Charity-Lake Travis for their generous financial support that covers the gap to make this educational opportunity possible.



Students in our first class of our ACC partnership program with their instructor.



Students filling out paperwork for enrollment into the program.

## LENTEN GIVING: CARING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Every member of a family deserves the basics to feel clean, confident, and cared for. Yet many of our clients struggle to afford hygiene items like soap, toothpaste, and shampoo. Join us in caring for the whole family by donating to our Lenten Hygiene Drive. From struggling families to seniors on fixed income, your donation can help restore dignity and bring comfort in our community.



**SCAN OR CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE ITEMS OFF OUR AMAZON WISHLIST!**

## JOIN US FOR SERVICE SATURDAY!



We are excited to announce our first Service Saturday event! On March 8 from 9-11:30am, we will host a service day at our

Austin campus. Activities will include outdoor beautification, and indoor projects like sorting donations or restocking materials. Consider donating your time and talents and reserve your spot today using this QR code or [clicking here!](#)



# Save the Dates

## AMPLIFY AUSTIN

March 5-6, 2025  
Maximize the impact of your gift during this on-line day of giving. Please plan to participate and encourage others to do the same!

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to view our Amplify page.



## CREATING HOPE IN THE BRAZOS VALLEY EVENT

May 2, 2025, 5:30-8:00 pm at The Stella Hotel in Bryan  
Join us in Bryan, TX, for an evening of community and inspiration as we come together to support a meaningful cause.  
Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to RSVP.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEEKEND

August 23 & 24, 2025  
at your parish

### ANNUAL GATHERING

September 18, 2025  
5:30-7:00 pm  
CCCTX Austin Campus (1625 Rutherford Ln.)  
Get to know your Catholic Charities at this lively celebration for the whole family, featuring food trucks, live service opportunities, games, and more!

### CREATING HOPE IN CENTRAL TEXAS EVENT

November 6, 2025  
5:30-8:00 pm  
The Archer Hotel (3121 Palm Way)  
Join us in Austin, TX, for an inspiring evening as we unite to celebrate community and make a lasting impact together.

## GET INVOLVED



**Become a Sustaining Donor**  
Support our work at [ccctx.org/donate](http://ccctx.org/donate)



**Volunteer or host a donation drive**  
Contact Emmanuel Villarreal at [emmanuel-villarreal@ccctx.org](mailto:emmanuel-villarreal@ccctx.org)



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