

Message of Hope

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CELEBRATING THE STRENGTH OF MOTHERS

When a woman is having a baby, she doesn't only need materials, education, and resources. She needs to know that someone is in her corner. We at Catholic Charities of Central Texas (CCCTX) host baby shower events to celebrate mothers and remind them they have a community to lean on. It takes a village to give a child a stable start to life and we aim to be a part of that village, helping families get support so they can thrive.

In April, our St. Gabriel's Pregnancy and Parenting Program (SGPPP) team organized a [baby shower event](#) for almost 100 Hays County moms and moms-to-be. The local community, including many of our partner service organizations, rallied together to plan a beautiful celebration. New and expectant moms were able to socialize with their peers, gain access to local resources, and had a chance to win amazing prizes like a new car seat or stroller. Opportunities to build a



community of support are critical to moms who enter SGPPP, many of whom face social and financial barriers when raising a child.

"I feel like a lot of moms feel by themselves or like they're doing this alone," Natalie Castillo, one of the moms in attendance said. "I think it's really important to create a community."

Our team continues to expand these lifeline events with future baby showers planned for moms throughout Central Texas.



YOU CAN HEAR MORE FROM ONE OF THE MOMS WE HELPED IN A NEWS FEATURE FROM KVUE!





Bryan Ambassador Circle members and Co-Hosts of our succesful event.



Client speakers Aduragbeni and Adeyinka sharing their story how how they gave their baby Daniel a stable start to life with the help of CCCTX.



Creating Hope in the Brazos Valley guests enjoying the social hour.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY SHOWCASED AT CREATING HOPE

At our Creating Hope in the Brazos Valley event on May 2, we celebrated the passion of our Brazos Valley supporters and heard from neighbors whose lives were transformed thanks to the support of our community. Aduragbeni and Adeyinka, two Texas A&M University Ph.D. students, took to the stage to share how CCCTX helped prepare them to become new parents with both material and parenting education support.

“The education gave us the confidence to move forward as parents,” they shared. “We learned how to care for our baby, what to expect, what was normal, and how to navigate all the emotions that came with it.”

Your presence and generosity were greatly appreciated. Because of you, we have raised \$66,640 toward life-changing support for families like this and other Brazos Valley neighbors.

PROVIDING CLIENTS COMFORT THROUGH HYGIENE

We collected 8,856 hygiene items thanks to your incredible support of our Lenten Drive! These items bring comfort and a sense of normalcy to everyday life for clients facing hardship. From a parent heading out for a job interview to a child getting ready for school, every item powerfully brings dignity. Our case managers witness how these items relieve stress for individuals or families. Thank you for your generosity!



“Often, clients coming to us have to make the impossible decision of which basic needs items they can provide for their families. Being able to distribute hygiene supplies, from soap to household cleaners, helps to alleviate the stress of those choices and reminds families that they have a community supporting them.”

- Alicia, CCCTX Case Manager



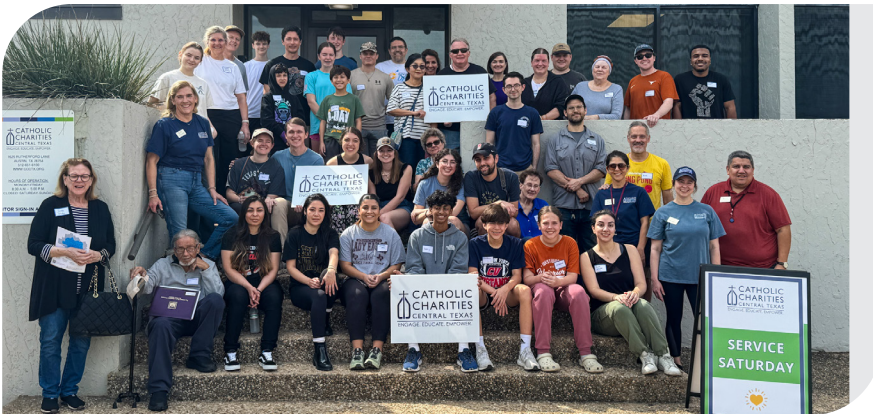
SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: DARRELL & LAURIE PERKINS

CCCTX was privileged to have Darrell and Laurie Perkins serve as our Creating Hope in the Brazos Valley Honorary Chairs. As sustaining supporters of the mission, the Perkinses exemplify what showing up for your community means. Darrell first got involved at CCCTX through the Knights of Columbus by supporting our annual Coats for Kids event. It wasn't long before the rest of the family got involved in our mission.

"It's easy to be involved with such a wonderful organization that has love and compassion in all their interactions and a community that supports them with that same love. It doesn't take a lot to get involved and every bit helps."

-Darrell Perkins

SERVICE SATURDAY LAUNCHES WITH HEART

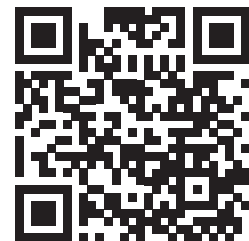


Hope is built by hands willing to serve and we were honored to have 37 volunteers ready to give their time and talents at our first-ever Service Saturday. Our volunteers worked on several projects at our Austin campus aimed at creating a brighter, more welcoming place for those we serve. Together, we painted the walls of our play therapy room, assembled hygiene bags, cleaned out old storage areas to make room for new resources, and planted flowers to beautify our space. Keep an eye out for our next Service Saturday date, coming soon.

Interested in donating your time and talents to CCCTX? Whether you can give an hour or a morning, your time helps us serve those in need with compassionate care. Consider signing up as a volunteer on our new [Volunteer Hub](#) platform as a way to give yourself in service to others!



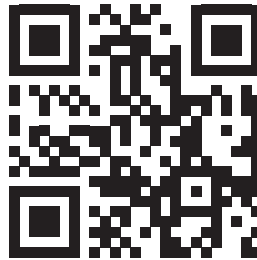
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SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!**



CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS

At CCCTX, we are inspired by the legacy of Pope Francis' work to help the poor and most vulnerable. Our mission to serve anyone who walks through our doors aligns with this vision. We invite you to [make a donation](#) to continue his legacy as we seek to help those in our community who are suffering.

"...There is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them."
- Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium



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