Your gift matters

IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
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...homeless moms-to-be have a chance
Providing a homeless, pregnant woman with her own space, a path to dignity, feeling human again and in control of her life is what Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home is all about. Caitlin, like so many others, moved past the trauma of domestic violence, learned parenting skills, how to care for her newborn, and how to be a family. Executive director Paulette Wyllie is thankful to Appeal donors for the profound difference their gifts provide.

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...adults gain life-improving skills
Often-times someone comes through the doors of Appeal-funded charities like SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK & FAMILY SERVICES because they’re simply hungry for something to eat and companionship. What they find are ways to get beyond whatever is going on in their lives, including lack of education. At SFB&FS, adults learn technology, nutrition, parenting and English, thanks to staff and volunteer teachers. Your gift helps keep it all going.

Together as Catholics...

Caitlin is a former client of Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. Today she is the live-in House Manager.
Together as Catholics...

“As Christians, when someone is in trouble, we help them. When we give freely and with all our heart, they will see that someone cares – that we bring Christ’s love alongside them.”

Deacon Rommel Declines
Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove

“Northern Valley Catholic Social Service does so much for so many. The caring, the compassion, the concern, the love has just been overwhelming. More than the fire itself.”

Stacey
is a Camp Fire survivor who found but a few precious items in the ashes of her home. Today she’s part of the NVCSS recovery team.

...disaster survivors move past tragedy

Stacey knew in her heart she wasn’t supposed to be home the day of the Camp Fire. She lost everything and was homeless for a time. Today she’s one of many volunteer case-managers with Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, where the work of helping survivors back into a new normal, into an affordable home is still in progress. Program manager Sendi Barrett is grateful for Stacey and Appeal donors.

...homeless are comforted

California leads the U.S. in homeless population. Local churches, including the St. Vincent de Paul ministry at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Amador County are responding with hot meals and access to services through hotline and outreach programs. Fifty-Three St. Vincent de Paul Parishes help our local communities in many ways. Your gift makes a remarkable difference.
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Our gifts help people who are
- mentally ill
- homeless
- disaster survivors
- immigrants
- elderly
- developmentally-disabled
- inmates
- working families
- refugees
- kids at-risk
- the unborn
- pregnant women
- hungry
- single parents

MORE THAN 100 PROGRAMS PROVIDE
- Counseling
- Emergency food
- Shelter and clothing
- Permanent and transitional housing
- Job training
- Pregnancy counseling
- Post and prenatal care
- Independent living skills
- Mentoring
- Parenting skills
- After-school care
- Refugee resettlement
- Citizenship and immigration services
- Jail ministry

50% supports charities

MEMBERS
- Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano
- Northern Valley Catholic Social Service: Butte, Glenn, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity
- Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services: Greater Sacramento

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
- Camp ReCreation: Serving Northern California
- Mother Teresa Maternity Home: Placerville
- Upper Room Dining Hall: Placerville

PARTNERS
- Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance
- Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home: Sacramento
- Catholic Ladies Relief Society: Chico
- Community Assistance Network: Greenville, Portola, Quincy
- Loaves and Fishes: Sacramento
- Sacramento Life Center: Greater Sacramento
- Salvation Army Food Shelf: Susanville
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- 7 District Councils: North State, Placer/Yuba/Sutter/Butte, Sacramento West, South Sacramento/Erik Grove, Sacramento Metro Area, Yolo/Delta, Solano
- Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center: Sacramento
- Wellspring Women’s Center: Sacramento
- Yuba-Sutter Right-To-Life

25% goes back to parishes
For social ministry at your parish
25% supports education
Seminarian formation and Catholic school tuition assistance

...at-risk students stay in Catholic School
Catholic Schools provide access to innovative education combined with faith-based values to students in our diocese. They are located in economically-challenged neighborhoods where fundraising is difficult. The Appeal helps bridge the gap between tuition assistance needs and available funds.

...a special time continues
Every year, Camp Recreation inspires fun, friendship, social interaction and spiritual growth for adults and children with developmental disabilities. Coming together from all over Northern California, volunteers and campers thrive in one another’s company while parents and caregivers receive a valuable respite. Your gift is precious indeed.

“Not everyone can walk with people in need. So supporting the work of those who can is a beautiful thing. We can all be there for others through the Annual Catholic Appeal.”

CECILIA FLORES
Programs Director
Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano