

# Together as Catholics

WE BRING GOD'S TENDER CARE TO OTHERS

I felt helpless  
to support my tenants

2022 ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC

*Appeal*





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“When the pandemic hit, I wasn’t initially worried about rent from our tenants – it was finding a way to help them feed their families. Getting on my knees was huge, just praying. That’s when Catholic Charities came to our side.”

TINA  
Apartments owner  
Fairfield

## Together as Catholics...



“Through our common baptism we are joined with the Holy Family and all those who suffer desperate situations alone.

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal we can accompany them with the mercy of Jesus.”

+JAIME SOTO  
Bishop of Sacramento



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## ...families can stay in their homes

With COVID-19 Tina knew she and her tenants would be facing something they’d never seen before. “So many parents with children, good families, wanted to work, wanted to provide food, wanted to pay rent and utilities. But they didn’t have a way” she says. **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF YOLO-SOLANO** was there with rental and food assistance to relieve the stress so many families and landlords were — and still are — feeling.

### A father said, “we’ll eat tortillas and lettuce, but I’ll make sure the rent is paid”

Tina saw there was nothing in the cupboards, that his wife was going blind and he’d lost his job. She brought groceries and cried and cried for this family that had been tenants more than 12 years.



### A mother sat crying in her car

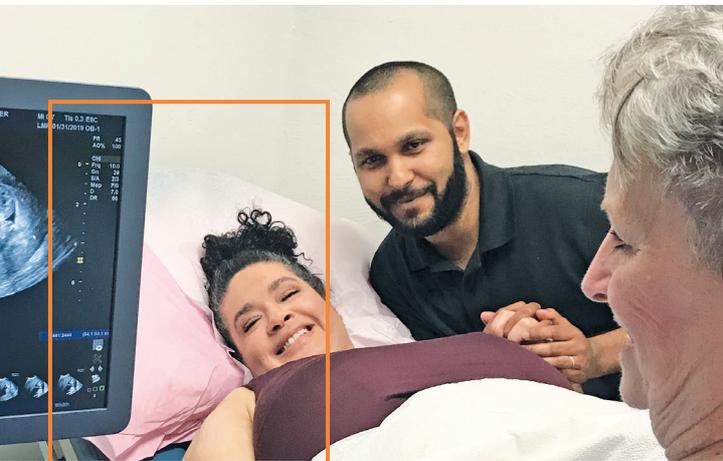
Tina finally convinced the single mom that she wanted to help. Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano stepped in to provide rental assistance, access to food and relief from her terrible fears.

### “Tina came to us because she saw her tenants’ suffering, and she was suffering because of it.

We were able to continue as a ministry and meet the needs of many families in extraordinary need. Funds from the

Appeal allow us to be ready to pivot instantly to provide revitalization, stabilization and strengthening of families in need.”

MIRIAM SAMMARTINO  
Rental Assistance Program  
Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano  
(pictured behind Tina, opposite page)



...families are formed one pregnancy at a time

When faced with an unsupported or unplanned pregnancy, mothers and fathers receive judgement-free support, resources and free medical services through **SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER.** Support

from the Appeal helps expectant women and men choose life and learn to parent or make adoption plans.



WATCH ONE MAN'S STORY

Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) are life vs death to those who have assisted US military efforts overseas.

**SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK & FAMILY SERVICES**

welcomes arriving families with housing and access to job training, language classes and emotional support. Your gift matters.

...families are brought to safety

## Together as Catholics...



“If we’re about unyielding and everlasting love, we’re about generosity.

The more we spread our charity to others, the more love we’re spreading.

That’s what Christ called us to do.”

WESTON RUIZ  
College Campus Ministry  
Diocese of Sacramento



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“We knew they had our back, that we could count on them, which gave us great peace of mind. They’re great friends... so grateful.”

TRISH  
Former client  
NVCSS PATH Program



...others can rejoin society and succeed

As she made her way through felony probation, Trish was introduced to

**NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE.** A dedicated team helped her secure housing for herself and her young family of five. With resources and emotional support from NVCSS, she earned her college degree and now works as a case manager for a local non-profit where she helps those experiencing homelessness to turn their lives around.



Catholic Schools provide access to innovative education combined with faith-based values to students in our diocese. **TEN SCHOOLS** are located in economically-challenged neighborhoods where fundraising is difficult. The Appeal helps bridge the gap between the need for tuition assistance and available funds.

...at-risk students stay in Catholic School



...we are God's hands

Andrea is an active parishioner at St. Basil Parish in Vallejo. She believes we have to be God's hands in this world.

"When we come alongside those who are suffering, we see Jesus in them. And just as a suffering servant, our suffering savior needed someone to help him carry that cross."



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"The work that gets done in the Church comes by what we give. We look forward to receiving the benefits of the Appeal so that our work can go on."

JON BERKLEY  
St. Vincent de Paul at  
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish  
Sacramento



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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



Benjamin is in his second year of theology in the seminary. He looks forward to the day when he can share the sacraments with the faithful and bring people closer to the freedom one finds in Christ. Your gift helps with the cost of seminary education.