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Memo

To: All
From: Miriam Sammartino
Date: July 6, 2026
Subject: July 2026 Month of Action: ***Responding to the Cry of the Poor***

In 2025, the collaboration between the Office of Catholic Charities & Social Concerns, the California Catholic Conference and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul formed the “**Non-Profit Collaborative Serving the Unhoused in Sacramento**”. This collaborative brings together over 20 non-profit organizations and faith-based ministries who serve our unhoused brothers and sisters in Sacramento through dialogue, education on local resources and sharing the stories of those we serve so to advocate that no one should be excluded from or denied a dignified life.

This July, the Non-Profit Collaborative Serving the Unhoused in Sacramento is hosting a **Month of Action: Responding to the Cry of the Poor** in response to the extreme heat conditions affecting our unhoused brothers and sisters who are vulnerable to heat-related illnesses.

All are invited to participate in this Month of Action by:

- **Volunteering & Donating:** Volunteer with local non-profit organizations and ministries who serve the unhoused community and/or donate life saving resources (ex: water, electrolyte/sports drinks, sunscreen, etc.)
- **Raising awareness & Staying Informed:** During extreme-heat conditions checking in on vulnerable neighbors, referring to cooling & respite centers, and knowing the symptoms of heat-related illnesses.
- **Praying** for our brothers and sisters who are most vulnerable to heat-related illnesses, with special care for those who are unhoused.

We ask that the bulletin announcement be shared throughout the month of July:

Month of Action: Responding to the Cry of the Poor. The Office of Catholic Charities & Social Concerns invites you to join the Month of Action this July and help our brothers and sisters who are vulnerable to extreme heat conditions in the Sacramento area. You can volunteer, donate water/hats/sunscreen/etc., check in on vulnerable persons in your community and pray for those who are not able to find relief against the high temperatures.

Check out the Events Page on the Diocesan Website: <https://www.scd.org/event/july2026-month-action-responding-cry-poor>

Respectfully,

Miriam Sammartino, Director