



Voices of Hope

Catholic Charities Helps the Community Recover From Flood Disaster

The waters have receded and neighborhoods have dried out since the San Jose Flood displaced 14,000 people on February 21. The majority of residents have returned home. Yet there are still hundreds of survivors who do not have a suitable home to return to, and the wait may be longer for others. While many have mucked out their basements or ground level floors, decontaminated what they could, and have returned to their normal routines, there are still residents who need all kinds of assistance.

As the Catholic Church's local disaster response agency, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County is leading mid-term to long-term assistance response to families affected by the disaster. We are a member of CADRE (Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort), which is the network of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD).

Catholic Charities is helping displaced survivors with short-term to mid-term housing search and housing financial assistance.

Financial assistance is being given for vehicle purchases. We also provide mid-term to long-term advocacy and guidance, help accessing additional resources, and compassionate care. All services are provided free of cost to people regardless of faith, legal status, race or nationality, age, disability, gender, or sexual orientation.



Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County's CEO Gregory R. Kepferle joins San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and city leaders at a press conference about how local agencies are helping with disaster relief.

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Becoming a Family

We were gathered at the airport anxiously waiting for her arrival, like nervous parents expecting their new child to enter into the world. Laura, a professor from Santa Clara University, waited with us. She would meet her new daughter, Helen, whose travel almost did not happen.



Photo: Brian Frank, Vice News

Laura looks forward to helping her foster daughter adjust to her new life and thrive.

Helen was an orphaned teenager who came to us from a refugee camp in Ethiopia. She traveled there after losing her parents in her home country of Eritrea. What choice did she have? She heard that in Ethiopia, at least she would be safe.

Imagine the fear she felt. And imagine the strength she had to summon to go to a strange land and ask for help. Here she is now, coming to San Jose, to her final destination for safe haven after four years of vetting by the United Nations, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, and the State Department.

A soft-spoken Christian teen, Helen was surprised to also be greeted by her best friend from the camp. It turns out that about a dozen refugee youth from the same camp were placed in foster homes throughout the Bay Area.

Two months later, Helen's English has improved dramatically. She is adjusting to high school, has a new haircut, and is making friends. "Slowly, slowly," laugh Helen and Laura. They have bonded as a family.

Laura teaches gender studies. Many years ago, she worked with refugees in the Balkans, and knew the living conditions in refugee camps. Imagine how much harder it would be for children with no parents around to help them figure out how to survive after fleeing their country from persecution or terror.

When Helen came off the plane, it was to a welcome party of Catholic Charities staff and supporters. The news media was also there because she arrived right after the President's Executive Order on refugees was halted in the courts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 33rd Annual Catholic Charities Golf Tournament and Auction

Monday, June 26, 2017

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Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Your Help Is Their Hope!

May 13 & 14 – Look For Us At Your Parish!

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts..." - Psalms 95.



Challenging economic times impact us all, but—more importantly—the poor and marginalized among us are most vulnerable.

- Victims struggling with the financial and emotional effects of flooding in our poorest neighborhoods;
- Skyrocketing costs of housing, forcing working families to live in substandard situations;
- Dramatic growth in our frail and isolated senior population—growth that has outstripped families' resources;
- Great urgency to reach out to high-risk youth and their families at this critical time in their lives.

Catholic Charities imagines the way that things could be for people, and then works—with your help—to make it happen. We work with people of all cultures and beliefs, and in every parish of our Diocese. Please welcome our Appeal Speakers May 13 & 14 and give generously!

For information contact Linda at (408) 325-5125 or lpippin@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org



Message From the CEO GREG KEPFERLE

Dear Friends,

"If you pass through raging waters...you shall not drown...Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come follow Me and I shall give you rest." Ever since the San Jose flood, I have been singing these lyrics of "Be Not Afraid" by Bob Dufford, SJ. In the midst of the tragedy and loss of property and possessions experienced by many of our neighbors, I am grateful no one was hurt. As we work at Catholic Charities to help families recover, I am also grateful for the generous outpouring of community support and the amazing dedication of our compassionate staff and volunteers.

While some families recovered fairly quickly after cleaning up and replacing damaged items, many still struggle because the flood just added to their ongoing financial struggles. Our role at Catholic Charities is to walk with them on the long journey to recovery and connect them to housing, mental health services, and help them navigate other benefits and resources so to become self-sufficient. We are blessed to have the support of Bishop McGrath, the Diocese, pastors and parishioners, individual donors, foundations, and corporations.

Meanwhile, our daily work of alleviating, preventing, and reducing poverty continues to make a difference in the lives of thousands of our neighbors. Children learn to read. Youth stay safe from gangs. Parents learn skills to teach their children to thrive. Orphaned refugee youth find loving homes. Immigrants who seek to get right with the law keep their families together. People living with disabilities including mental illness gain acceptance, healing, and jobs. Seniors find companionship and are no longer hungry and alone. Families live in affordable permanent supportive housing. We continue to incubate and advocate for innovative solutions to poverty. And volunteers find meaning in their lives as they give back.

Yet the need remains great. We reach a fraction of those who seek our help. To truly make a difference, we need more of our friends and neighbors to learn about our great results and invest resources in changing lives for good. As a friend and supporter of Catholic Charities, I invite you to once again dig deep financially and invest personally in our mission. I also ask that you spread the word. Let your family, friends, business and social networks know about the amazing work of Catholic Charities, which serves people of all cultures and beliefs. Invite them to one of our events, or to visit one of our programs with me to learn more. Then they, too, will know the joy of changing lives for good.

Many blessings,
Gregory R. Kepferle, CEO

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Greenhouse Gases – 2,030 pounds

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the San Jose Diocese Raise Their Voices for Refugees



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Diocese of San Jose, and Catholic Charities collaborate for the first time to produce the Lamb of God Concert.

For the first time ever, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Diocese of San Jose, and Catholic Charities joined together to raise their voices and awareness for the plight of refugees by producing the Lamb of God Concert on April 22 and 23, 2017 at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

The concert benefited Catholic Charities' Refugee Resettlement and Refugee Foster Care Programs. Since 1979, Catholic Charities served over 7,000 refugees seeking safe haven from violence of war and terror, poverty, and oppression. The Refugee Foster Care program is the only program in Northern California that serves unaccompanied refugee children.

"I am delighted that the Diocese and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints had this opportunity to work together," said Bishop Patrick J. McGrath. "Catholics and Mormons share many of the same values and concerns, among them the importance of home and family. Both the choir and the orchestra were composed of members from our parishes as well as Mormon congregations. I am grateful for this effort and look forward to collaborating with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at future events."

Terry Davis, Director of Public Affairs for the San Jose South Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), was inspired to serve refugees after hearing Elder Patrick Kearon of The Seventy during the April 2016 LDS General Conference speak about the importance of helping refugees. He said, "This moment does not define the refugees, but our response will help define us." The Mormons also share a history with refugees because they have had to flee their homes because of persecution. Elder Kearon asked Mormons to serve however they could. The next day Davis and her colleagues reached out to Catholic Charities and offered their assistance.

"After Elder Kearon's speech, I was forced to take off political lenses regarding refugees and see the situation as it really is: a human crisis," said Davis. "Being a refugee is simply a point in time. When our grandchildren learn about this humanitarian crisis, with 60 million refugees displaced around the world, and ask us what did we do to help, how will we answer? I hope this concert touched people's hearts. The Diocese has been essential in this collaboration. We would not be able to organize this event without Bishop McGrath and Wendy Scherbart."

The concert was composed by Rob Gardner and featured 13 vocal soloists, a cello soloist, 2 narrators, a 120-voice choir, 70-voice balcony choir, and 35-piece orchestra. San Jose performances were underwritten by the Forever Young and the Mercy and Roger Smullen Foundations. San Jose City officials, County Supervisor Dave Cortese, congregations, and community members were also involved in supporting the event.



Family Thrives Through FIRST 5

When Vanessa first learned that she was expecting a child, she was filled with joy. For nine years, she and her husband had been working hard for their future family. They felt blessed with the best gift of their lives.

But this joyful news was shortly followed by an unbelievable string of heartbreaking events. Within a year, Vanessa lost her grandmother and her husband's father to serious illness. Her employer of 10 years chose to eliminate their department, and Vanessa lost her job. With only one salary, she and her husband could no longer afford their mortgage, and lost their beautiful home. Finally, at only 20 weeks pregnant, Vanessa was told that it was unlikely that she could carry her baby to term. She and her husband were shell shocked.

To their surprise, their baby decided to enter into the world. At nine weeks premature, Mona was born. The healthy birth of their beautiful daughter brought renewed joy to their lives and gave them determination. Through the recession, Vanessa's husband maintained his job at a medical center while she began to venture out with her daughter. They visited parks, went on walks, and began to spend time at the local library. Little did Vanessa know that their outings would lead to one of the most pivotal moments in their family's life.

It was at the library, when Mona was two years old, that Vanessa met Cristina, a community worker teaching a music and movement program with Catholic Charities. Cristina recommended that they join other programs



offered for young children and their families. They signed up, and since then, Mona and her family have participated joyfully in activities and preschool experiences offered by Catholic Charities that their family could not otherwise afford.

FIRST 5 makes a positive impact, not only on children, but on the entire family. After taking parenting workshops, Vanessa and her husband gained new knowledge about child development and how to share parenting roles and responsibilities. Her husband began to invest more time into the family.

Together, they became coaches for the Catholic Charities Junior Giants team without any knowledge of baseball, and discovered how organized sports could teach children important life lessons.

Mona is now familiar and comfortable in the classroom. She enjoys gardening, music, art classes, field trips, and participated in Junior Giants baseball and Folklorico dance. Vanessa and her husband look forward to Mona's entry into kindergarten this fall, and hope to build upon these experiences. Vanessa now aims to work with children for her career, and

plans to give back by volunteering with Catholic Charities.

"We all have a sense of accomplishment, have built character, learned life lessons, and are more confident," said Vanessa. "Thanks to Catholic Charities, my family is thriving and our level of gratitude is immeasurable!"

To learn more about FIRST 5, please contact Saul Gonzalez, FRC Initiative Manager, Family Resource Centers, at sgonzalez@catholiccharitiesscc.org.

Tech Academy Launches CORAL STEM Student Success

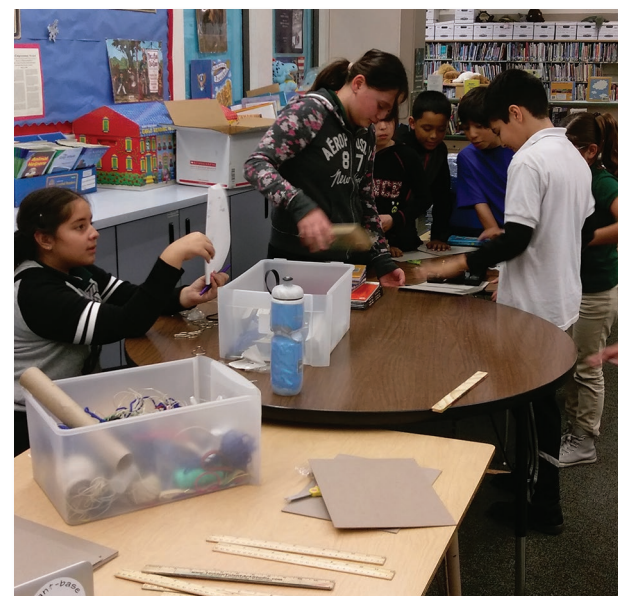
In an English language arts lesson, Marisol Barahona introduced a research problem to her students: animals in different parts of the world are becoming extinct and cannot migrate. Their task? To create a device that can transport the animals safely from one terrain to the next so that they can mate and aren't endangered anymore. Marisol assigned each group an animal and took them to the library where the librarian taught them how to research and find information. With new knowledge, students developed designs during the CORAL after-school program in preparation for the Tech Museum's April Tech Challenge.

CORAL (Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning) is a K-8 expanded learning program that focuses on improving academic achievement through literacy and homework support; CORAL STEM focuses on science, technology, engineering, and math. Marisol, CORAL STEM site manager for Dahl Elementary School, implements creative lesson plans to prepare her students for the Tech Challenge. Hosted by the Tech Museum for Innovation, the academic competition presents an engineering

challenge to fourth- through twelfth-graders to develop a solution to a real world problem.

To prepare her students, Marisol participated in a special curriculum training known as Tech Academy. For two and half weeks, teachers go through extensive training with engineers at the Tech Museum to develop four lessons plans for math, science, engineering, and English language arts (ELA) that build the knowledge students need to succeed in the Tech Challenge. The idea is that teachers can bring back STEM lessons and 21st century skills into the classroom. Tech Academy prepares teachers to integrate relevant concepts into lesson plans of subjects such as math or ELA, as Marisol demonstrates in her assignment on endangered animals.

This year's challenge is to design a remote-controlled device that will cross over a gap that is 18 inches wide, and then a second gap that has an incline, all within four minutes. Groups of fourth and fifth graders from the CORAL STEM program presented their final device designs on Saturday, April 29, to a panel of judges and engineers at the Tech Museum.

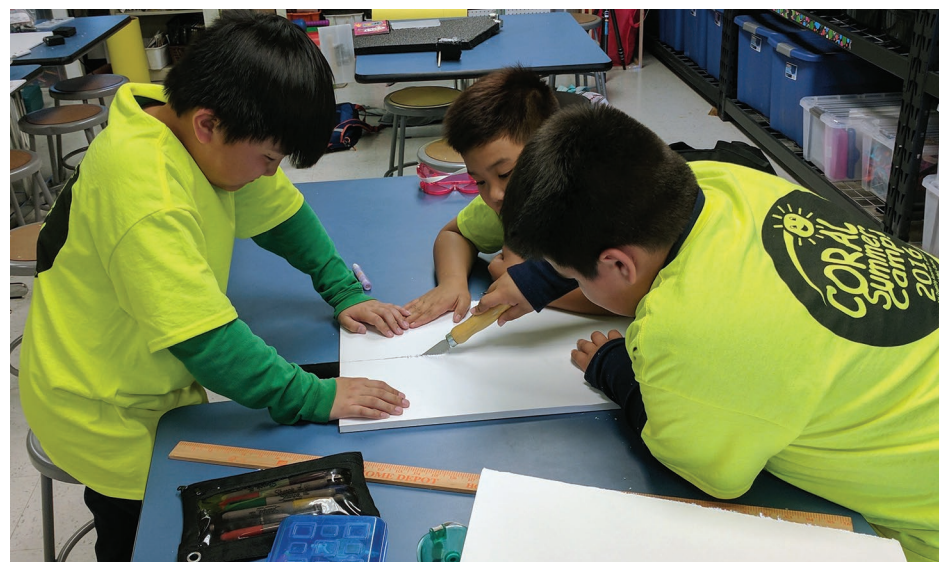


Students in Dahl Elementary School's CORAL STEM after-school program design their project for the Tech Challenge.

Marisol's students are now reiterating a second design to present to the class for feedback. "These kids are amazing," says Marisol. "We're talking fourth graders here and they come up with the most amazing ideas, things I would never come up with. Even the engineers ask, how did you come up with that?"



In addition to designing their project, CORAL STEM students also get their hands into some carpentry.



Measure twice and cut once! This group knows the importance of accuracy and teamwork.

Neighborhood Champions Recognized at Annual Event

On March 2, sixteen San José neighborhood groups were recognized at the Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative (RLEI) Champions Awards for their efforts to work with landlord and property owners to keep their neighborhoods safe, vibrant, and healthy.

The Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative (RLEI) is a program that helps communities stay safe and vibrant. The program works with neighborhood leaders, law enforcement, and local government to hold property owners and tenants accountable for assuring that their properties contribute to the well-being of the community. Through its unique approach, RLEI empowers community members to come together to engage private property owners to join and lead the revitalization effort and establish a sustainable solution for property issues and neighborhood concerns.

The event brought together small neighborhood groups and neighborhood associations at the City Hall Rotunda. Present at the event were City of San José Elected Officials, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County, San José Neighborhood Leaders, the San José Police Department, and City of San José Directives.

One RLEI awards recipient, Darryl Ospring of Coyote Creek, D-2, was amazed to see the crowd of officers and neighbors present from D-1 through D-10 who have made a positive difference within their communities.

“Our stories of positive change are exceptional due to the RLEI program,” wrote Darryl. “From the many decades of volunteering and neighborhood advocacy, I’m certain that positive change can only be made with great leadership of our elected officials, public safety, and our City’s great programs that residents can utilize in order to make a difference.”

Over the past six years, RLEI has worked alongside 85 neighborhood groups in San José to improve the safety and livability of their residents. The initiative has evolved from one case with 55 petitioners in 2011 to 85 cases with over 1,275 petitioners by the end of 2016. In July 2015, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County accepted the opportunity to manage RLEI thanks to funding support from Citi Community Development and the City of San José.

“I can truly say that my experience with RLEI over these past several years has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had at this police department,” wrote San José Police Department Captain Ed Schroder. “Without a doubt, RLEI has made and will continue to make neighborhoods within the City of San Jose a better place to live.”



City of San José police officers receive recognition for their positive contributions to local neighborhoods.



Catholic Charities CEO Greg Kepferle and RLEI Program Manager Jaime Angulo give awards to local neighborhood champions.



Community members enjoy RLEI's Neighborhood Champions Awards event at the City Hall Rotunda.



(L-R): RLEI Co-chairman Matt Huerta, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, RLEI Program Manager Jaime Angulo

From Hope to Home: Finding Stability at the Met

Lucia’s childhood memories were filled with several houses, but few places to call home. Moving constantly from one house to the next, she remembers an endless disruption that she wished her own children would never have to experience. As a single mom, Lucia worked hard to create a different lifestyle for her family. But with a tough job market offering only part-time, seasonal work, the cost of rent for an apartment was far out of her reach. Lucia found herself and her two daughters in the exact predicament she wanted to avoid.

For a while, she rented a room in a house with other families. When she was no longer able to afford that option, Lucia scrambled to find housing with friends and family members, and lived in a family shelter for a few months. One day, Lucia saw a flyer about a new affordable housing community in San Jose called The Met. She decided to do whatever she could to get a home there.

Arriving two hours early to file an application for housing, Lucia was shocked to find a winding line of families and elderly people that went around the block and back. The sight was almost

enough to make Lucia give up.

Lucia hadn’t realized that the selection for The Met would be through a lottery of qualified applicants at a later date. When she understood the process, she was determined to provide all the information needed so that she and her daughters would have a chance. Now it was time to wait.

When The Met office asked her to come in one day, Lucia thought it was a request for more financial data. Instead, she was met with, “Congratulations—would you like to pick out a



unit?” Lucia burst into tears at the news of the blessing that she had hoped for.

Lucia now lives in a two-bedroom apartment with her daughters, Desiree, age 12, and Janei, age 4, who have their own room for the first time. It has been a long time, but now they have found stability.

“My daughters couldn’t be themselves when we stayed with other people,” Lucia said. “They couldn’t laugh, or watch what they’d like to on TV, or just be kids. They are so much happier now that we have a home of our own, and to know that we won’t have to leave in a few weeks.”

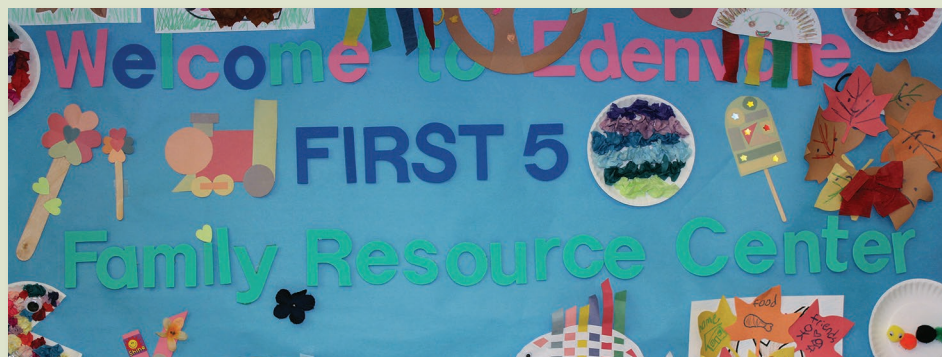
Lucia and her daughters are one of 70 families who moved into The Met at the start of 2017. The Met was developed by Charities Housing, with a portion of construction financing provided by The Housing Trust. Key partners include Bank of America, the City of San José Housing Department, the County of Santa Clara, L&D Construction, and Studio E Architects.

To learn more about The Met, please contact Consuelo Collard, Program Manager, Catholic Charities’ Supportive Housing Program, ccollard@catholiccharitiesscc.org.

BABY & ME PROGRAM DELIGHTS AND ENGAGES

Catholic Charities' Baby & Me program is a fun way for babies and their parents or caregivers to engage with each other and other families in the community. The program is offered at four sites throughout Santa Clara County: Edenvale Community Center, Dahl Family Resource Center, Santee Family Resource Center, and Catholic Charities Family Resource Center.

Funded by the Bella Vista Foundation, Baby & Me engages babies from newborns to two years old through music and movement activities that develop cognitive, gross motor, fine motor, language, and social-emotional skills. Each session is offered once a week at each location and provides parents and caregivers with a supportive and reflective environment where they can share their greatest joys and challenges of parenting.



The Edenvale Baby & Me program is held at the FIRST 5 Family Resource Center.



At Baby & Me, babies bond even more with their parents and caregivers.



Babies play in a safe environment at Baby & Me.



Parents and caregivers participate in a group activity.



Brother and sister play with learning games.

Tax-wise Giving

David Russo, Catholic Charities' new Senior Director of Planned Giving, met with donors Diane and Phil in March to discuss their membership renewal. Although Diane had her checkbook ready, David proposed a few simple and creative solutions that both supported Catholic Charities and earned them additional tax benefits. These options included:

- **Give appreciated securities.** Diane and Phil owned Netflix shares that grew from \$35 to \$125 each. By giving appreciated stock directly to Catholic Charities, they could avoid a capital gains tax liability incurred if they sold them.
- **Market-rate buy back.** If Diane and Phil did decide to donate the Netflix shares, they could use the amount of cash they

had planned to donate to buy back the same number of Netflix shares but at the current higher price point. This would earn them a stepped up basis and offset a future capital gains tax burden.

- **Give through your IRA.** Since Diane and Phil are 70 ½ or older, they could send funds directly from their IRA to Catholic Charities. If they did, they will not owe income tax on the IRA distribution since they never received the money in the first place.
- **Combine a financial event with a gift.** Diane and Phil were thinking about selling a piece of rental property they own. By combining a gift to Catholic Charities with a big financial move, such as selling



real estate, they could offset tax with a charitable deduction. They could further reduce their tax burden by giving a portion of their ownership interest rather than sale proceeds.

Diane, the savvier of the two, suggested donating Netflix shares.

If you have questions about how give in a tax-efficient manner, please contact David Russo, Senior Director of Planned Giving at drusso@catholiccharitiesscc.org or (408) 325-5248.

The Freed Spirit

Art by The Peter Mester Family



Join us for an exclusive art event benefiting the Refugee Resettlement and Immigrant Integration program of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County.

May 18, 2017

San Jose City Hall Rotunda

6:00 p.m. – Wine and Hors d'oeuvres

World renowned fresco artists, Peter Mester and his family fled their native Slovakia in 2012.

"[these] are people, each of them with a name, a face, a story, an inalienable dignity which is theirs as a child of God." –Pope Francis

For 38 years, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County has welcomed the opportunity to assist in the care and comfort of refugees. Help us create new opportunities for refugees and immigrants who seek freedom from persecution and fear.

Questions: Call David Russo at (408) 325-5248

RSVP by visiting: www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org/TheFreedSpirit

The Path to Citizenship Begins at John XXIII Multiservice Center

Catholic Charities offers Citizenship Preparation and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to older adults at our John XXIII Multiservice Center. Classes are taught by retired local teachers who volunteer their time to help the students—elderly low-income immigrants who represent a diverse make-up of populations, including Vietnamese, Chinese, and Latino.

Most of the seniors in the ESL class do not speak any English at all when they begin. After six to 10 months of classes, they understand English and can have basic conversations. The seniors in the Citizenship class can also understand and answer the Citizenship Test, which includes 100 civic questions.

“These classes benefit the seniors by providing ESL and Citizenship knowledge, and helps them connect with peers as they learn about other community resources and events,” said Milton Cadena, Program Director, Older Adult Services.

To learn more about the ESL and Citizenship classes, or our John XXIII Multiservice Center, please contact Milton Cadena, Program Director, Older Adult Services at Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County at mcadena@catholiccharitiesscc.org.



Vietnamese older adults celebrate passing the U.S. Citizenship test after taking classes at John XXIII Multiservice Center.

Shaping the Future Through Aging University

Santa Clara County’s senior population growth significantly surpasses the rate of growth at the state and national level. By 2030, over one in four County residents will be over the age of 60.

In 2016, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County’s Older Adult Services launched Aging University, a public event series that educates seniors, families, service providers and policy makers about the impending growth of the senior community, and how to prepare for aging. The initiative introduces the various options of preparation and care available to seniors, different systems one can access, and where to get support. It also highlights best practices for professional geriatric service providers to improve our community’s senior care systems.

“People plan for having enough money to support them in retirement, but people don’t plan for the reality of aging—getting a stroke or a massive heart attack, and needing additional care,” said Tatiana Colón, Division Director of Older Adult Services.

On February 20, the Aging University audience participated in the webinar “Social

Enterprise Under the Hood,” hosted by Social Enterprise Alliance. Three successful U.S.-based social enterprises were featured. Social enterprises generate revenue to support the services they provide that have a social impact. One example is Catholic Charities’ Daybreak Cares, which provides non-medical care services to seniors and disabled adults living in the community and to those who care for them. Services include professional in-home care, licensed adult day care centers, caregiver support and education, escorted transportation, and other assistance.



“A few years ago, CCSCC had the foresight to pioneer an enterprise to provide funds to support senior services which have been at risk with a serious decline in government funds through the years. Social enterprise is becoming a conversation in multiple circles and is something that people are more open to right now,” said Tatiana. Tatiana predicts that social enterprise will be a model that organizations will turn to, as traditional government and foundation funding decreases and competition and need increase.

The inaugural year of Aging University presented the opportunity for community members to “Wake Up to Aging.” The theme for 2017, “Shaping the Future,” builds upon this momentum. Participants are empowered to shape their future and learn about resources that can boost quality of life for families and seniors. Older Adult Services is currently preparing for an event on technology and aging set for September.

To learn more about Aging University, please contact Tatiana Colón, Division Director, Older Adult Services at tcolón@catholiccharitiesscc.org.

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL 'PLAY WITH A PURPOSE' GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us on **Monday, June 26, 2017**, for a day of excellent golf, fantastic tee prizes, gourmet food and drink, networking, and great camaraderie as we “**Play With A Purpose.**”

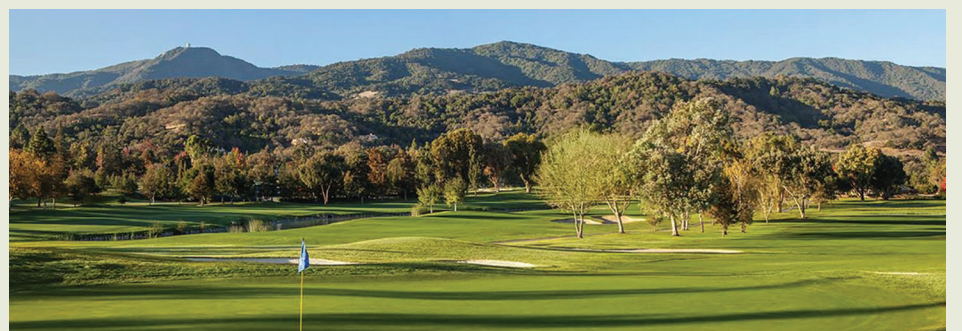
Your participation helps to raise critical funds to support the over 40 programs and services offered by Catholic Charities to 40,000 individuals and families.

HELP US ALLEVIATE, PREVENT, AND REDUCE POVERTY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY!

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Living Well, Leaving Well

Catholic Charities' Legacy Giving Committee chaired by Caritas member Joe Melehan, hosted Living Well, Leaving Well at Saint Lucy Parish on February 23. Over 75 community members attended and were treated to three engaging speakers.

Father Gerald Coleman, noted moral theologian, author and Past-President of St. Patrick's Seminary presented California's End of Life Option Act and Catholic social teaching on care at the end of life, encouraging lively discussion regarding the inherent dignity of life.

Ryan Holmes, MA PhD(c), faculty member at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University presented a case study of a family making care and end of life decisions for their matriarch. Ryan presented different approaches to assist in making challenging decisions around life transitions.

Combining end of life law, theology, and ethical decision making sparked spirited conversation among attendees about the state of our aging population and the next generation charged with caring for them.

Catholic Charities highlighted its older adult services with Long Term Care Ombudsman Diann Ryan sharing her experience as an advocate for people living in nursing and residential care homes. The LTC Ombudsman program and volunteers, like Diann, promote the rights and well-being of residents in long-term care facilities.

The day closed with a lunchtime discussion of personal stories of challenges faced by attendees and the services sought to meet their needs, including those provided by Catholic Charities such as: In-Home and Adult Day Care, Senior Nutrition, and Wellness services at John XXIII Multiservice Center.

If you are an older adult—or someone who cares for one—and would like to learn more about the resources at your disposal, contact Alison Poetsch, Individual Giving Manager, at (408) 325-5288 or apoetsch@catholiccharitiesscc.org.



Father Gerald Coleman engages the audience on the topic of Catholic social teaching on end of life care.



Ryan Holmes presents a case-study about making challenging end of life decisions.



Diann Ryan shares her experience as a Long Term Care Ombudsman.

Catholic Charities Helps the Community Recover From Flood Disaster

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Our program staff and volunteers have helped at the Local Assistance Center (LAC) at the George Shirakawa Community Center since it first opened, at Seven Trees Community Center (the disaster recovery shelter), and at Charities Housing Development Corporation's Paseo-Senter Apartments, where we have program offices.

This is located in the heart of the Rock Springs neighborhood, the hardest hit area during the flood.

"At Catholic Charities we are called to serve those most in need and we will continue to do this for our neighbors affected by the San Jose Flood," said CEO Gregory R. Kepferle. "We want flood survivors to know that we are committed to helping them get back on their feet. We are here to give them help and hope."

We urgently need apartments for short term or mid-term master lease by Catholic Charities. The agency also needs volunteers who are willing

to provide translation services, assessment, information and referral, counseling, and guidance to neighbors displaced by the flood. Since many of the flood victims are Vietnamese and Spanish speakers, we especially welcome volunteers fluent in either language. Learn more about the volunteer role at www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/assisting-community.

We are in this for the long haul and will help our neighbors until they are back on their feet. However, we cannot do all of this without the community's help and need funding for long-term case management and advocacy with housing, cars, and cash assistance to provide services and resources to clients. To donate, please text "Flood" to 1-408-669-4126 or visit www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/flood-relief. To offer housing or cars, please call 1-866-305-0617 or email: disasterrelief@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Position: Case Manager – Behavior Specialist
Division: Children, Youth, and Family Development
Program/Dept.: Prevention & Early Intervention Services
Status: Full-time Exempt

POSITION SUMMARY: Catholic Charities is working closely with the Franklin McKinley School District in San Jose to deliver Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Services in partnership with the Mental Health Department. Employing evidence-based practices, PEI services are targeting high-risk youth and their families with the goal of preventing, reducing, and eliminating mental health issues that may be inhibiting academic success and family wellness. The Behavior Specialist supports PEI by engaging families in services aimed at addressing behavioral issues through educational workshops and sessions, and behavior support planning service in the home and in the community, connecting students and families to resources that will reduce/eliminate nonproductive and violent behaviors. Extensive training will be provided. To learn more about position requirements, visit www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/featured-jobs.

Position: Clinical Program Manager for KCN
Division: Behavioral Health
Program/Dept.: KidsConnection Network
Status: Full-Time

POSITION SUMMARY: Provides clinical supervision and oversight of staff and student/intern therapists providing early childhood behavioral health services. Additional duties include developing relationships with community partners to assist infants, children, youth and their family members to access community supports for resources, parenting and mental health needs. To learn more about position requirements, visit www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/featured-jobs.

Position: Program Director – Behavioral Health Services
Division: Behavioral Health Services
Program/Dept.: Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Programs
Status: Full-time Exempt

POSITION SUMMARY: Responsible for providing direction and oversight to the Criminal Justice Behavioral Health programs including productivity, audits, relationships, claims, invoices, personnel management and compliance with the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department and other funding organization requirements. Represents Catholic Charities at funder required meetings as assigned; assists in the implementation of compliance with contract requirements; works with the Senior Division Director on the preparation of grant proposals for mental health and other services. To learn more about position requirements, visit www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/featured-jobs.

To apply to these positions, please submit resume to jobs@catholiccharitiesscc.org or via fax to (408) 944-0276 attn: HR.

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL!



Congratulations to these future U.S. citizens who recently passed the U.S. Citizenship test! These determined older adults went through Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County's English as a Second Language (ESL) and Citizenship Prep classes to make their dreams of being naturalized U.S. citizens come true! Here they are singing "America the Beautiful" during a recent Vietnamese-American Civic Celebration at John XXIII Multiservice Center. We are so proud of them! Learn more about the numerous services Catholic Charities offers to low-income seniors in the community at John XXIII Multiservice Center, visit www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/john-xxiii-multiservice-center.