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"In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus tells us whenever we feed, give drink or welcome a neighbor, whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we are doing for him. To the pastors in our diocese who partner with Catholic Charities, please know of my appreciation for your work and tremendous support. And to those of you who support our efforts by volunteering your precious time, and to those of you who support Catholic Charities by donating your financial resources I express my deepest gratitude."



12,311 FREE MEALS

WERE SERVED TO HOMELESS AND HUNGRY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT

CHRIST HOUSE.



– BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE



Catholic Charities serves the poor, protects the vulnerable, and welcomes the newcomer in our diocese through partnerships with parishioners, parishes, 190 faith-filled professionals and over 3,000 volunteers who make sacrifices every day to help us share the love and consolation of Jesus Christ with our brothers and sisters in need. Last year, Catholic Charities provided \$7.2 million in food, rent, utilities, medical assistance, and refugee resettlement services.

We also offer mental health counseling, pregnancy and adoption support, immigration and refugee assistance, job training, free medical care and other essential services.

To find out more about our ministries and how you can become involved, please visit ccda.net

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THE ST. LUCY FOOD PROJECT FULFILLED 49,394 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTING OVER 1.7 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD.

"Post covid we have developed gluten, canned, and processed and cooked foods allergies. Catholic Charities volunteers have gone out of their way to make sure my daughter and I got gluten free food items which has been a life saver. As life got one step more complicated for us Catholic Charities stood by our side and gave us hope." – SUSAN R.

"Sometimes asking is hard because some of us have just been shut down so many times. There are organizations like Catholic Charities, that will just help you without judgment, which is the best thing – and offer you prayer all at the same time."

- SERENA WILLS, Single Mother from Alexandria

RESETTLED **1,244**

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN,

AND ASSISTED AN ADDITIONAL

2,000

MIGRANTS AND

REFUGEES*.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDS ENABLED 2,121 NEIGHBORS TO AVOID EVICTION OR UTILITY CUTOFFS

OR HELPED WITH CRITICAL CAR REPAIRS.

"I recommend for all Afghans, especially for my friends and family which came to the USA, by the help of Catholic Charities they can develop their lives. They know how the USA is better for them."

– ABDUL MANSOOR AZIZI, Migrant from Afghanistan

*This year the number of new arrivals **tripled** due to the emergency evacuation efforts in Afghanistan.

Thank you for your tremendous generosity. Together, we made a difference.