

Will you consider something for a moment? *What would it be like to spend the holidays living in a shelter when they could have been spent living in home?*

Right now, the cost of living and a severe lack of affordable housing are putting people from all walks of life out of their homes into homelessness - *often for the first time ever*. The experience is frightening. Parents worry about how they will support their children. Many believe they will never catch up. They urgently need our help.

For families just beginning to fall behind, the cost of living makes them wonder if they will be able to keep the housing they worked so hard to get.

That's why Catholic Charities is asking for your help.

With your generous support, Catholic Charities can help our clients find or keep housing. These are our sisters and brothers - children...teachers...hardworking people - who have been left behind. Your gift of...

- **\$1,000** can help a family find home by Christmas.
- **\$500** can help an immigrant achieve citizenship.
- **\$100** can feed a hungry child for a month.

This time of year is a time when all should be able to feel the love of friends and family, not feel left out in the cold. Thanks to you, people can turn to us to find the tender support they need it most.

Your tax-deductible gift will go to work today and all year long providing security and hope for individuals experiencing homelessness, immigrants pursuing their dreams, homebound seniors, and anyone who may be struggling to get ahead.

So, as you prepare your plans for the holidays, we ask you to please consider helping your neighbor in need counting on all of us to help make their lives a little better. Your support matters. May God bless you this season and always.

PS - Your gift will be matched! A group of generous local donors have joined hands to make a difference. All donations made by December 15th, 2023, will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000!

Make a difference today!

YES! I want to help my neighbor in need through Catholic Charities.

Your gift stays local right here in Northern California!

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You bring hope to people who need it most.

We know that too many people in our community are one crisis away from falling into homelessness. To afford even the most basic needs feels like a mountain to climb.

33% of Caritas Center clients are experiencing homelessness for the first time, a 9% increase over the previous year.

In one of the most extraordinary regions to live in, Catholic Charities believes no one should have to experience the pain of poverty. Through our housing solutions, immigration legal services, and homelessness prevention services, we strive to make the holidays and every day a better one for the people we serve.

Your support is a second chance for those who thought they had none. See for yourself...



Allison and Christopher came to us after a traumatic experience that could have derailed both of their lives. She found herself raising her beautiful 18-month-old in a car. Allison desperately wanted more for Christopher.

He wasn't walking yet – how could he when there was no floor when their car didn't have one?

At Caritas Center, Christopher found what he needs to walk, and Allison...to soar! Here, medical services, housing, and employment resources are all within reach. Allison wanted more than anything to get back to work.

The night that Christopher took his first steps, she knew they would succeed. **Next stop...home!**

Your support helps babies and their parents thrive on their housing journey!

Senior homelessness is on the rise. We saw this again when Ellen came to Catholic Charities in the 88th year of her life. She was homeless... just trying to find housing. We helped stabilize her at Sam Jones Hall.



When she received the call her housing came through, she wept tears of joy. Her Christmas is looking up!

Your support helps seniors escape the pain of homelessness!

"Since 2017, all my Son and I knew was running from one fire to medical crisis to job loss after another. When our savings ran out, we thought we were going to lose our housing.



Catholic Charities stepped in to help us keep our apartment. I don't know what we would have done without that emergency support – it saved us."

Your support helps families keep their housing!

Catholic Charities believes all people have the right to pursue their dreams. That's why we serve all no matter who they are. We serve because we are Catholic, not because they are.

Every dollar spent on helping families retain their housing goes three times as far as every dollar spent after they have lost it. **Your generous support helps us provide nourishment and security for our neighbors to overcome terrible challenges. Please simply tear off the form below and return it with your gift to help make a difference.**

Thank you for sharing your blessings with people who need our help. We wish you a joyous holiday season!

Make a difference today!

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