

Message of Hope

WINTER • 2024



Dear Friends,

At this year's Creating Hope in Central Texas event, we heard a powerful testament to the value of our holistic service model through the story of our Refugee Resettlement Services client, Farah!

In her speech, Farah shared how she came to CCCTX years ago when pregnant with her youngest daughter, taking parenting classes through the St. Gabriel's Pregnancy and Parenting Program. She remained on our email list and received an email one day about our Refugee Resettlement Services program.



Originally from Afghanistan, Farah, her husband and child fled to the United States due to life-threatening circumstances. Farah was forced to leave her family behind, knowing they were still in danger. After reading about our new program, Farah found a glimmer of hope that she could save her family. Our team was able to turn this hope into reality. We were honored to have Farah's family as surprise guests at our event.

On behalf of the thousands of other families like Farah's, we thank you for your generosity. Your gifts allow us to offer comprehensive programs to help our clients tackle all the challenges they face under one roof. Together, we will create hope for people in their darkest hour.



Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sara Ramirez'.

Sara Ramirez
Executive Director



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KILLEEN STAFF HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED

This time last year, our Killeen office construction project was nearing completion. In our first year in the new space, we have already done so much to serve the Killeen community. The CCCTX Killeen staff provides services from all our programs, from giving young moms material needs for their children to offering weekly budgeting education to veterans.

We are proud to have partnered with other local organizations to serve our neighbors in need. Our St. Gabriel's Pregnancy and Parenting team partnered with Superior HealthPlan to co-host a baby shower for local moms to celebrate expectant mothers and connect them with resources. In December, the Knights of Columbus and our St. Michaels' Veterans Services team handed out gift baskets full of essential needs items to make the season brighter for families in need!

We're proud of the great work being done through this office in such a short time. Special thanks to the Killeen staff, who are dedicated to serving our community!



Miguel, from Superior HealthPlan, presenting to St. Gabriel's Pregnancy and Parenting Program at our Killeen baby shower.



CCCTX staff, Knights of Columbus, and volunteers pass out food and baskets to local families in need for Christmas.

YOUR CHARITABLE GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN 2024



JOIN THE 25 CLUB

The New Year is all about making resolutions. But have you considered setting a charitable resolution this year? Our 25 Club is the perfect opportunity to make a lasting change in your community in 2024! For just \$25 or more per month, you can give a new beginning to a person in poverty. Many of us already pay a monthly Netflix or gym membership. Why not add a monthly charitable gift to CCCTX to this list? Monthly giving is the most effective way to build lasting change.



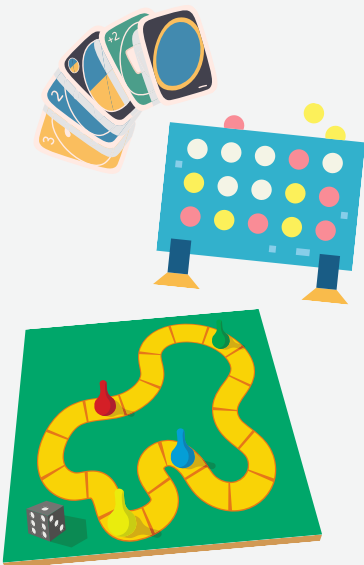
REFUGEE FAMILIES CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON

During the holiday season, we hosted special events for families in our Refugee Resettlement Services program. Together, we decorated (and ate) Christmas cookies at our Austin campus, and took a field trip to the Trail of Lights in Zilker Park. Our Refugee Resettlement Services team helps refugee families socially adjust to their new homes, and these events were great ways to experience local culture in Central Texas.



“All I can say is thank you. [Your help] made me feel like I had someone in my corner rooting for me.”

-FINANCIAL STABILITY CLIENT



LENTEN DONTATION DRIVE

Help us celebrate our 25th birthday with our clients by donating to our Lenten Donation Drive! We are collecting board games to gift our clients, which will be wrapped by volunteers and passed out on our 25th anniversary on March 19th. Our programs work to strengthen families, and this idea of offering our families a fun bonding activity goes hand in hand with our mission. You can purchase a game from our Amazon wishlist at using this QR code.



Save the Dates



AMPLIFY AUSTIN

March 6-7, 2024

Please support Catholic Charities by donating and encouraging others to do the same!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CCCTX 25TH BIRTHDAY

March 19, 2024

Thank you for helping keep the mission alive!

CREATING HOPE IN THE BRAZOS VALLEY EVENT

April 19, 2024, 5:30-8:00 pm

This year's event is at a new venue—the Hotel Stella in Bryan. Please join us! RSVP to John Paci at 979-321-6516

or john-paci@ccctx.org

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