



# GIVING HOPE TO ALL

Catholic Charities Appeal

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### Homeless to Hopeful

"The house I was living in started falling apart and I had no choice but to leave, but I had nowhere to turn. I was homeless and living on the streets for two years. I don't know how I made it through the winter months, but I know God was with me, looking over me. The streets were getting too dangerous, and I knew I needed shelter. I spoke to my pastor, and he recommended St. John's Hospice. The first time I walked through the doors here, I loved it. St. John's Hospice has clothed me, fed me, and kept me safe. They have also helped support me through counseling, case management services, and anything I could possibly need. Next week I start a new job, and I know this opportunity would not have been possible without the support of the staff here. In addition to helping the 52 residents that call St. John's Hospice home, individuals experiencing homelessness can come to the dining hall for a hot lunch every day. They are met with dignity. Through the support of the Catholic Charities Appeal, these services are made possible. **People are given a second chance in their life. The Appeal helps feed the hungry and provides shelter to those experiencing homelessness.** I don't know where I would be in my life without St. John's Hospice."

– John, Resident, St. John's Hospice

**Each weekday, St. John's Hospice provides more than 300 hot meals as well as case management, on-site nursing, daily showers, and mail delivery for over 1,700 men experiencing homelessness in our community.**

## SOCIAL SERVICES



### Making a Positive Change

"Many people who live in this neighborhood live below the poverty line. The clients who visit the St. Helena Food Pantry are struggling to put food on the table, and when they shop at our pantry, it is a great help to them and their families. They are able to shop for themselves and pick out the items they like. It makes them feel a sense of dignity and pride, knowing they are making their own selections. They are so thankful for the food provided by Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. So many people are in need, and as a former client of the pantry, I know how they feel. I now work at the pantry, and I love what I do. I enjoy working with the community and helping people. **When you donate to the Catholic Charities Appeal, you are helping put food on the table for families in need. You are making a difference and helping to change someone's life.**" – Blanca, Volunteer, St. Helena Food Pantry



**Nutritional Development Services has 50 food cupboards and outreach programs throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Last year, they served 1.8 million meals to those most in need.**

## WAYS TO GIVE

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# EDUCATION

## Support and Success for Special Education Schools

"St. Lucy School for Children with Visual Impairments is a special place. My daughter, Althea, is in second grade at St. Lucy's, and we consider this school to be family. When Althea first came to St. Lucy School, it changed our lives. They are very welcoming, treat our children just like any other children, and provide the support they need to succeed. St. Lucy's utilizes the same curriculum developed by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office for Catholic Education in their elementary schools. Students gain access to the elementary curriculum through the use of unique accommodations that meet their visual needs. These accommodations include magnification, braille materials, and assistive technology. The tools and resources here at the school, the warm and welcoming environment, and the knowledge that my daughter is receiving a quality Catholic education, makes St. Lucy School the perfect fit for our family.

**When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal, you are helping St. Lucy School and the other two Schools of Special Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. It is so important to have schools like St. Lucy in our Archdiocese.** – Katie, Parent, St. Lucy School for Children with Visual Impairments



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*St. Lucy School for Children with Visual Impairments is the only Catholic School in the United States serving the needs of students with blindness and visual impairments. St. Lucy's helps visually impaired students in Pre-K through 8th grade discover and understand their world, focusing on literacy and personal achievements. Students are also encouraged to attend inclusion classes at other Archdiocesan elementary schools. Last year, St. Lucy School launched a new program for students with Cortical Visual Impairments.*

