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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since 1942, Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano has provided families in critical need in our community with real assistance and hope. Thanks to you, many children and families have been fed, sheltered, and counseled. Your support provides life-changing services and programs to help our neighbors move beyond poverty by providing *nutritious food*, *rental assistance*, *mental health counseling*, *immigration legal services*, *disaster recovery services*, *and so much more*.

- Feeding the hungry: Last year, our Food and Nutrition Programs provided over 2700 food boxes to families and signed up over 200 households for CalFresh food stamps. This year, we expanded our Food and Nutrition Program with two new programs: the Pop-Up Food program which provides produce to needy communities throughout Solano County and the Mensa Christi outreach food distribution which partners with St. Catherine of Siena Parish to feed over 400 homeless men and women twice a week.
- Clothing the naked: Last year, we assisted over 700 households facing eviction, giving over \$6 million in rental assistance throughout Solano County and providing over \$550,000 in direct assistance to help over two hundred fire victims recover from the 2020 wildfires in Yolo and Solano counties.
- Welcoming the stranger: Our immigration legal services program continues to build a foundation in Yolo County. Last year, we served over 500 individuals and families seeking legal status. These services have reduced anxiety, fear of family separation, and kept our clients from being victims of fraudulent immigration services.

Our expanding work and growing client needs exceed our capacity to fund them. I am hoping that as we grow and plan and respond to those in critical need, you will answer the call of the Lord to join us.

We cannot continue to do this work without you and ask that you please consider partnering with us with a financial gift. You can make life better for children and families as they work toward a future of self-sufficiency. I am so very grateful for your support and trust in our mission.

Wishing you many blessings,

John Watkins, MNS
Executive Director