## PROGRAMS

#### **Disaster Response**

The Disaster Case Management Program provides direct case management services to disaster survivors and their families through advocacy, information and recovery services.

#### **Food Access**

We offer several programs to help get food on your dinner table tonight and assist with the CalFresh application process to help you purchase groceries that are healthy, affordable, and accessible for 1-12 months.

#### Housing

We help our neighbors transition into safe and affordable homes through assistance with rent and move-in costs and a plan to prevent homelessness and poverty.

#### Wellness

In partnership with First 5 Solano, Catholic Charities of Yolo- Solano is a Triple P – Positive Parenting Program provider. Triple P strengthens families, promotes positive relationships, and handling challenges and provides access to parenting information in a one to one and group setting format.

#### **Immigration**

Whether you are documented or undocumented, newly arrived or a longtime resident, our dedicated staff and experienced attorneys can help you navigate the complex system of U.S. immigration laws.

#### Re-Entry

The Catholic Charities' Success Network (SN) provides a unique opportunity for pastors and the faith community to connect, comfort, and support those wanting to become part of a faith community as they re-enter society.



# JOHN WATKINS

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you." Deuteronomy 31:6.

During Holy week, we meditated on Jesus' passion and death, and remembered how much suffering He endured.

This is why Easter is a season of Hope When all seem to be lost, when evil seems to have won, the resurrection happens.

For over 80 years, Catholic Charities has provided hope to those on the margins and those who are suffering.

Your generous support allows Catholic Charities to continue to provide hope and healing to those in our community who are in need. Thank you.

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# CREATING HOPE

SINCE 1942 80TH ANNIVERSARY





## **HISTORY**

In the beginning



Catholic Social Service of Solano County was first opened as Vallejo Catholic Charities on November 1, 1942 by Father William J Flanagan, under the direction of Most Reverend John J. Mitty, D.D. Archbishop of San Francisco.

A year later, the agency was headed-up by a full-time director, Father William L O'Connor, with Sisters of Social Service Sr. Rosemary Markham in charge of the family and child welfare departments.

### **Expansion**

In 1943, the Sisters established a convent across the street from St. Vincent's Church. During the war years, the major function of the agency was child welfare, child placement, and youth activities. Services were offered to young wives and mothers bereft of their family support.

On January 24, 1952, the Catholic Social Service Auxiliary was formed and augmented funding from Catholic Charities, the Archdiocese of Sar Francisco, and the Community Chest known as Mare Island (War) chest, to support the agency in its work of finding foster homes for dependent children and children of working mothers.



In 1956 the Sisters moved to 745 Georgia Street which was originally a boarding house, while they worked out of the CSS agency office on Marin Street.



### Today

In 2017, Catholic Charities of Yolo Solano expanded its service area to include Yolo and Solano counties. CCYS regularly collaborates with other area organizations to optimize its effectiveness in stabilizing and supporting families. We believe that strong and stable families are the core to a vibrant community.

Currently, the agency has six program areas: food access, counseling/wellness immigration, re-entry, housing and disaster response.

In 2022, Catholic Charities Yolo-Solano celebrates 80 years of great partnerships, impact in our community, and commitment to a brighter future for our brothers and sisters living in the margins of our society.