A story worth telling
Dear Friends,

One of the best parts of my day is snuggling up with my daughter in the evening to read together. Olive loves books, and always has a suggestion at the ready when I ask her what she wants to read. She’s now at the age where she isn’t content to just listen and look at the pictures. She wants to be involved in telling the story herself. I’m always amazed to see how much of the actual story she has stored in her brain. But just as often, the story she tells strays into a wonderful creation all her own, one that very often mirrors Olive’s own day-to-day experiences.

Here at CCFW, we are not content with the traditional social service model of just giving people in need a one-size-fits-all solution to their problems. Like Olive, each of the people we serve has a story to tell, and no two of them are alike. This is why we’re testing a new model of service delivery – the Padua Pilot – that focuses on listening to the stories our clients have to tell, and then working with them hand-in-hand to create an ending free from poverty. You’ll read more about the Padua Pilot in this newsletter. You’ll also learn about our new partnership with the Tarrant Riders Network, which is empowering us to write a new chapter in our transportation services - one of more rides to more people in need of a way to get to school, work, medical appointments, and stores. And, you’ll hear the story of dedicated volunteers, without whom we couldn’t carry out our work.

I’m so glad that you are part of the CCFW story and that CCFW is a part of yours. Whether you are a parish partner, donor or volunteer, foundation or corporate funder, or someone working beside us in one of many other ways, you’ve decided that the story you want to tell is one of service, generosity, advocacy, and concern for the poor and vulnerable among us. Your choice means that over 100,000 people each year can come to CCFW, share their story, and receive help and hope. Together, we are writing a story worth telling...one of a permanent end to poverty in our community and country.

With gratitude,

Heather Reynolds
President/CEO
Join Catholic Charities Fort Worth and emcee Karen Borta, award-winning news anchor of CBS 11 News, as we celebrate our 23rd Annual Noche de Fiesta Dinner and Auction fundraiser!

**Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Fort Worth Convention Center  
1201 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

For details and tickets, visit bidpal.net/fortworthfiesta or contact Kaycie Tugman at ktugman@ccdofw.org or 817.289.0344.

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**Recent Happenings**

Earlier this year, we had our very first Creating Hope luncheon for our Northwest Campus and the results tell the story of an incredibly generous community!

Almost 300 guests attended &
Total giving was more than $400,000

This generosity will make a true impact in the lives of those in the Northwest part of our diocese.

A huge thank you to everyone who made our Northwest Campus possible!
Recently, our Street Outreach Services (SOS) team was chosen by the Tarrant County Housing Coalition to receive funding from a pilot initiative aimed at increasing the impact of homeless-service providers. One of only four selected programs, this funding allowed us to expand our SOS program to nights.

The SOS team serves unsheltered homeless clients by providing needed items, transportation and help with housing. SOS is the only outreach team in Tarrant County that provides services after 5 p.m.

We are blessed to have many incredible community partners! These awesome shelters and other organizations have been a big part of the program’s success.

Recovery Resource Council
St. Benedict’s Mission
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition
Texas Christian University
1st Street Methodist Mission

Fort Worth Police Department
Broadway Baptist Church
Fort Worth Public Library
MedStar
University of Texas at Arlington

And countless other organizations and supporters!

“\textit{We have an incredible group of night outreach volunteers that have done a fantastic job.}”
- Jay Semple, SOS Program Manager
Our **Transportation Program** started in 2011 with the purchase of four vehicles and a calling to provide rides for clients to work and medical appointments. Today, we are the *second largest* non-profit transportation provider in our area. But even with our tremendous growth and dedicated volunteer drivers, we are still unable to meet all the need. That’s why we are thrilled to partner with the **Tarrant Riders Network** to find new and better solutions to the transportation barriers many still face.

*“It is such a joy to be able to provide this service to the community. The clients are all tremendously appreciative of the service and usually cannot thank you enough for getting them where they need to be.”*  
- Roger Balser, Volunteer Driver

**A “lift” out of poverty**

To find out how to volunteer or sign up for training:  
Contact Merrissa Kuylen at 817.413.3936 or mkuylen@ccdofw.org
After three years of planning, we officially launched the Padua Pilot this March. At the Padua Kickoff Event, five speakers provided insight into the project through the lens of their own experience & expertise. Five different perspectives - each important & each a chapter in the story of Padua, a story that’s only just beginning.

“If we are able to identify & scale up cost-effective programs that have a permanent impact on poverty we will dramatically improve not only the lives of the poor, but also society as a whole.”

- Jim Sullivan, Notre Dame

Did you know?

- Research suggests growing up poor reduces your adulthood earnings by 40%
- The poor face greater crime victimization & are much more likely to be depressed
- Poor youth are 1.3 times as likely to be involved in serious crime as compared to youth who live just above the poverty line

“We want to learn more so that we cannot only serve more, but we can assure that we are serving in the most impactful way possible.”

- Heather Reynolds

No more “what if.” We know we can do better. We’re committed to finding a new way to end poverty and we’re spending the next three years building the evidence to prove it.
Started by John and Carrie Morgridge, the Morgridge Family Foundation is a private family foundation that invests in 185 projects yearly. Their mission is “Investing in the transformation of education for both students and educators,” and they fulfill this mission by investing in a variety of projects from technology integration for teachers to wrap-around services for low-income children.

Because of the foundation’s focus on education, they are well aware how devastating poverty can be for a child’s ability to learn. And after one site visit to CCFW, they pledged $1.5M to support Padua over three years. When asked what about Padua spoke to them, they said, “It was the first comprehensive solution we have seen that could actually end poverty.”

In her book, Every Gift Matters: How Your Passion Can Change The World, Foundation Vice President, Carrie Morgridge, offers expert insight on enacting real change through giving. To ensure that every grant has the most meaningful impact possible, Carrie Morgridge takes a hands-on approach with each program and believes a key factor when making decisions is leadership. The decision to invest in Padua was no different. “When we came to Fort Worth and met Heather, it was really clear that it was the right place to invest. The drive and compassion was evident in everyone we met,” said Carrie Morgridge.

To learn more about the Morgridge Family Foundation: visit online.foundationsource.com/public/home/morgridge

Poverty has an end - it just hasn’t been written… yet.
How can I be involved?

**Sponsor**
Sponsorship levels range from $3,000-$25,000

**Underwrite**
Help offset various costs of the event

**Donate**
Provide an item or service for our auctions

**Attend**
Tickets are $125 to join us for the fun

Join us for the 23rd Annual Moche De Fiesta

Presented by Kubes Jewelers and Family

Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 6 p.m.

The Fort Worth Convention Center
1201 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Celebrate with Catholic Charities and emcee Karen Borta, award-winning news anchor of CBS 11 News, for a night of dinner and drinks, silent and live auctions, and tons of fun. Last year, over 800 guests gathered to raise $788,000 in support of our mission. As our community needs continue to grow, our goal this year is to match dollar for dollar what we raised in 2014! We invite you to join us in furthering our work to end poverty in our community.

For more information, visit bidpal.net/fortworthfiesta or contact Kaycie Tugman at ktugman@ccdofw.org or 817.289.0344.

Heads or Tails

Purchase a chance to win a $1,000 Visa gift card! During the silent auction, buy as many chances as you like to participate in this interactive game.

After the live auction, all players will stand and choose "heads" or "tails." The auctioneer will flip a coin, and if your selected side lands face up, you're safe! Those who choose the opposite side must sit back down. The winner of the gift card will be the last person left standing.

Don’t forget to visit the Heads or Tails table and play the odds!
Tacori Necklace & Earring Set

Buy a ticket for a chance to win this beautiful necklace and earring set! The pieces are handmade from a prestigious, California-based jeweler and valued at $4,300. Part of the “Black Lightning” collection, they feature rutilated quartz over black onyx, set in 18 karat yellow gold and surrounded by 16 diamonds. The necklace setting totals 18.08 karats and hangs on a diamond cut oval link chain. The earrings total 9.43 karats, hung on tapered shepherds hook style wires. Make sure to get a ticket or two for a chance to win these beautiful pieces!

Getaway to Cattle Country

Enjoy a four night stay at the Rock Creek Cattle Company ranch in southwestern Montana. The ranch covers 28,000 acres, including the secluded Rock Creek Lake. The 4-bedroom home sleeps ten and offers easy access to the Club, pool, game barn with shuffleboard and ping pong, fitness center, tennis, and hiking trails. Other amenities include restaurants, golf, fishing, horseback riding, a spa, skeet shooting and more at additional cost. This area is known to be one of the best ranges for elk, bears and other large wildlife.

Lance Brown Live Painting

North Texas native Lance Brown is well known as a Christian speaker and speed painter. Despite being color blind, Lance spreads the gospel through his passion for painting. He focuses on overcoming weaknesses and wasted talent, and finding purpose through Christ. Lance himself will join us at the live auction to create a one of a kind painting to be submitted for bidding. Take home this beautiful work of art and be reminded of the message of hope and grace.

Aloha - A Week in Paradise

Need a break from the hustle and bustle of life? Then this week-long trip to paradise is for you! Enjoy ocean, mountain, waterfall and rainbow views from a magnificent condo at the Hanalei Bay Resort in Kauai, Hawaii. This amazing two-bedroom home away from home includes a full kitchen, king size bed, two double beds, and a spacious living room. Only steps away you’ll find tennis courts, a pool, poolside massages, a fitness center, a waterfall pool, a hot tub, and championship golf. Take a short stroll to Hanalei Bay and enjoy the #1 rated beach in the U.S.
2015 Fall Collection available September 1st

Shop early at Noche de Fiesta
Legacy of Hope

Planned Giving is a thoughtful and generous way to meet your personal financial objectives while helping CCFW in its long-term financial planning for our efforts to end poverty. In making a gift to the Catholic Charities Fort Worth Endowment, you plant the seed for creating a legacy of generosity to those in need. You can continue the work and vision initiated in your life by empowering CCFW to enhance its role in serving and giving hope to those less fortunate for generations to come.

Here are some ways you can help Catholic Charities provide help and create hope for generations to come:

- Bequests
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Plan
- Charitable Trusts

If you would like more information about how to make a planned gift, or if you have already included us in your estate planning, please contact Kristy Brown, Senior Director of Advancement, at kbrown@ccdofw.org or 817.413.3924.
A group of BNSF volunteers created a beautiful and welcoming yard at our first agency foster home. The group planted flowers, created herb and vegetable gardens, spread grass seed, and purchased a soccer net and picnic tables.

The Percy Home foster children were introduced to volunteerism, and meeting volunteers that gave their time, skills and treasure to help others inspired them to do the same.
The senior citizens at CASA now have the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors. BNSF volunteers built a beautiful pavilion for the residents and hosted an ice cream social afterwards so everyone could enjoy the sunny day together. The group also transformed the long and dark hallways with brightly-colored paint. Their work brightened up the residents’ home for years to come.

Want to Volunteer?

Central Intake: We are in need of assistance M-F 8am-2pm answering phone calls to assess client needs and connect them to appropriate programs. Volunteers are needed at all of our office locations.

Dental Clinic: We are in need of volunteer dentists and dental hygienists to provide dental services for disadvantaged children and adults. A healthy smile can change someone’s life and long-term health outcomes.

Families First: We need volunteers to help with childcare during our parenting classes! Classes are offered at various times and locations. Volunteers are also needed to help with monthly furniture deliveries. If you are available to help on a Friday, please let us know.

Goodfellows: In collaboration with the Star-Telegram, we provide clothing and shoes for underprivileged Tarrant County school-age children during the holiday season. Orientations start Sep. 23rd and volunteer days are October - December.

International Foster Care: In need of male and female mentors that are at least 21 years old. Mentors are asked to make a 1-year commitment to promote positive outcomes for youth.

Refugee Services: Volunteer needed to provide administrative support for their financial assistance program, which supports newly arrived refugees building a new life in America.

For more information contact volunteer@ccdofw.org
Creating Hope Donation Center

Donate Your Ride

Here’s how it works:
• Just call our toll-free number at 855.950.GIVE (4483) to speak to a representative of the CCFW Vehicle Donation Program OR fill out our online car donation form.
• Our representative will schedule a pickup that’s convenient, and provide you with confirmation of your donation for tax purposes.

Call 855.950.GIVE (4483) or fill out the form on our website at CatholicCharitiesFortWorth.org.

Top 10 Donation Needs

1. Laundry Detergent
2. Dish Soap
3. Toilet Paper
4. Trash Bags
5. Disinfecting Wipes
6. All-Purpose Cleaner
7. Ziplock Sandwich Bags
8. Paper Towels
9. Pots & Pans
10. Twin-King Size Beds
Ready, Set, Give!

Every year, generous supporters like you join us for North Texas Giving Day - an online giving event that provides our community with the opportunity to come together and raise as much money as possible for local nonprofits. Catholic Charities Fort Worth has been a proud partner in this effort, and we encourage you to join us on September 17th for the excitement!

Every gift of $25 or more designated to CCFW will not only support our mission, but also qualify our agency for a chance to win over $2 million dollars in bonus funds and prizes. Save the date now and be ready to get up and give as we aim to break the current record of $26.3 million raised in our community alone. Be a part of this ground breaking event and make a difference by helping us in our mission to end poverty.

Ready, Set, Give!

Mark your calendar for
Thursday, September 17th
between 6:00am and midnight

Log on and visit bit.ly/1Jeg5pj

Give a gift of at least $25

Yep! It’s that easy!
TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED, TO ADVOCATE COMPASSION AND JUSTICE IN THE STRUCTURES OF SOCIETY, AND TO CALL ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.

CONNECT WITH US

Backpacks needed! Lighten the load for one child this school year, by helping them pack for success. Visit myblusource.com/products/CCFW to sponsor a backpack today.

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