

CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Catholic Charities of California represents the twelve Local Catholic Charities Organizations in California.

Every year, these organizations provide more than 1.5 million professional social services to Californians who need help and hope. Catholic Charities of California is the single point of access to this statewide network.



FEATURED

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SAN BERNARDINO & RIVERSIDE COUNTIES

For more information about Catholic Charities in San Bernardino & Riverside Counties, please visit www.ccsbriv.org or call (909) 388-1239.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

FFY16 Unduplicated Households Served:

- 486 families averted homelessness
- 1,425 families avoided utility shut-offs
- 6,141 families received groceries and meals
- 3,373 immigrant families counseled with accurate USCIS information
- 230 eligible immigrant residents applied for U.S. Citizenship
- 939 families strengthen through family counseling
- 1,249 children and youth counseled on campus

Poverty Awareness Month



During Poverty Awareness Month, Catholic Charities San Bernardino & Riverside Counties (CCSBR) is promoting greater awareness of the complex issue of poverty. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Inland Empire has the highest poverty rate among the nation's top 25 largest metropolitan areas. Nearly one in five San Bernardino County residents, and one in six Riverside County residents live below the federal poverty threshold—that's 800,000 people including 300,000 children and 137,000 seniors.

How do families meet basic needs on \$2000 or less per month? With such limited resources, any crisis—such as a sudden death or illness, job loss, or car repair—will destabilize a poor family. CCSBRIV believes that effectively addressing poverty begins with understanding, "What does it mean to live in poverty?"

"Poverty is the unrelenting daily task of trying to make ends meet. It is the daily stress and worry about whether the car will break down or someone will get ill or your child will need a new pair of shoes. And then having to choose between whether to pay the rent, pay for medicine, or pay for food. Which necessity will have to be sacrificed to pay for the added expense of the unexpected bill? Poverty is the exhausting, unending, time-consuming struggle of juggling and just hoping to make ends meet with no end in sight. Poverty robs you of a sense of security and it destroys your self-esteem and your hope for the future." – Poverty Program®

Last year CCSBR assisted more than 20,000 households. CCSBR delivers programs to address the immediate needs of poor families, including food, rent, and utility assistance, as well as counseling services, case management, advocacy, and immigration services. CCSBR also works to resolve systemic issues that perpetuate the cycle of poverty for society's most vulnerable. As more people understand the impact of poverty and join the fight, much more can be accomplished.



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UPDATE ON STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

Catholic Charities of California (CCC) invites you to join a seven-day walking pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in Spain or the Via Francigena in Italy!

Highlights of Walking Pilgrimages:

- All arrangements made by CCC
- Part of your trip cost will be tax deductible
- Quality accommodations with private bathroom
- Luggage transferred daily
- Walk at your own pace
- Meet other pilgrims from around the world
- Representatives from CCC will be on the pilgrimages to provide extra assistance if needed
- Receive passports and official credentials from pilgrim offices

Cost:

- \$1,500 Double Occupancy
- \$1,800 Single Occupancy

Organize your own Pilgrimage:

Organize a group of 12 pilgrims and your cost will be covered or all pilgrims will receive a discounted price.

More Information / Reservations:

Visit our website at www.CatholicCharitiesCA.org
or e-mail Pilgrim@CatholicCharitiesCA.org

- To make reservations
- All other questions and inquiries or
- To make a donation

Join us for a walk that will change your life, while helping to support programs that serve those in need!



Catholic Charities Statewide Immigration Network

UPDATES

2017 National Migration Week: January 8-14

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us.

All Catholic Charities Organizations in California provide services to assist immigrant populations in communities across the State and these organizations are accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals. In 2015, Local Catholic Charities delivered over 1.5 million services to people in need in California, including 49,631 Refugee & Immigrant Services. The Catholic Charities statewide network of agencies has been awarded \$5.1 million by the California Department of Social Services Immigration Services Program to provide Immigration legal services and education and outreach to over 20,000 immigrants over the next year. We are privileged and honored to continue providing these services to those in need.

