

CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

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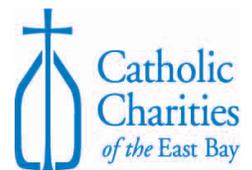
Every year, these organizations provide more than 1.5 million professional social services to Californians who need help and hope. Catholic Charities of California is the single point of access to this statewide network.



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY

Caring for Sexually Exploited Children



Catholic Charities of the East Bay creates services that move children, youth, and families from Crisis to Stability to Prosperity in three main areas: Welcoming the Stranger, Healing Trauma, and Fostering Self-Sufficiency.

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AT A GLANCE

- 47 families (124 individuals) successfully relocated through Refugee Resettlement Program
- 1,385 legal immigration consultations provided and 989 individuals entered the path to citizenship
- 267 clients received in-depth mental health services
- 1,554 hours of mental health services provided
- 205 families avoided homelessness with rent assistance, utilities assistance, and case management

All data from Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The Bay Area is one of the nation's high intensity sex trafficking regions, yet it has no long-term residential programs for children who have lived through this abuse, trauma, and exploitation.

That is changing.

Charities of the East Bay, the Diocese of Oakland, and the District Attorney of Alameda County jointly announced the intention to open Claire's House, a home of healing for children ages 11 to 17 who have been trafficked for sex. The goal for Claire's House is to operate carefully and well, so that it endures and leads to several more refuges like it. This involves the complexity of licensing, site decisions, curriculum, staff, and policy.

Claire's House will open in 2017. A location has been secured. Renovations are being planned to meet safety standards and ensure space for residents and staff. Progress is being made on licensing and curriculum. Case management will be a big part of the counseling process. Author and Catholic priest Father Gregory Boyle calls case management "the slow work of God." It involves working with people with heavy burdens to bear. At Claire's House, "case managers will see in the girls what they do not yet see in themselves. We will have the patience to wait until they do."

To learn more about the impact of Catholic Charities services in the East Bay, visit: www.cceb.org

