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Community comes together to distribute food and basic need items to farmworkers in Pajaro this Saturday Sept 19th in appreciation for their essential work.

Watsonville, California – Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey and Our Lady of Assumption Church in Pajaro are honored to host the distribution of food, basic need items and information to local farmworkers in Pajaro Valley this Saturday Sept 19th. This event is in partnership with Darlene Tenes of CasaQ, The Farmworker Caravan, the Diocese of Monterey, and the office of Assembly member Robert Rivas. We organized this event as a thank you to the essential agricultural workers working every day during the pandemic and the smoke of the wildfires. We know that this vital economic community has suffered more than others when it came to the Pandemic and we wanted to reach out to say that many people appreciate them!

Darlene Tenes of CasaQ in San Jose, CA organized these events when the pandemic started here in order to provide emergency and basic supplies to the essential workers. These events have taken place once a month at different locations in Salinas and in San Juan Bautista.

The Farmworker Caravans is a two day effort. The first day (today Sept 18th) is the Donation Drop-off of non-perishable foods, essential household goods, face masks and PPE in San Jose, CA (see attached flyer for locations and partners). The second day (tomorrow Sat. Sept 19th) will be the delivery of goods to Our Lady of Assumption Church where Catholic Charities staff and volunteers from parishes all around Monterey and Santa Cruz county will receive the donations, sort them, and distribute it to local farm working families from 2-4:30pm (see the distribution flyer). We are expecting about 50-80 cars and 2-3 trucks loaded with goods for our community!

Catholic Charities is thankful for the generosity of donors and volunteers for sharing their time, treasure, and skills to our hardworking community.

At this event, we will also provide information about our Legal Services Program of Immigration and Citizenship, our rental assistance programs for those affected by COVID-19 and our nutrition education programs.

See the attached flyer for details.

The Mission of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for social justice, and to call other people of good will to do the same.

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