

# Love in Action

A COMMUNITY UNITED



Dear Angela,

As we step into February, a month that celebrates love and compassion, I'm inspired by the incredible care and strength that surrounds our community, even during these very uncertain times. At Catholic Charities, our mission is built on a foundation of love, service, social justice, and unwavering support for people in need. The impact we have made together over the years is a powerful testament to the enduring spirit of the love we cultivate.

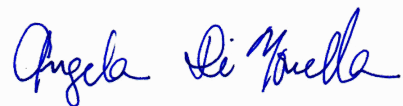
Every day, in our offices and at community events, I hear the stories of hardworking mothers and fathers deeply concerned about their future, seeking comfort and help.

Our staff and volunteers walk alongside them, embodying love and compassion through simple yet profound acts. Whether is providing direct services, sharing a smile, or lending a listening ear, our staff and volunteers provide critical services, soothe the pain, and create hope.

Caring partners and community members across sectors have reached out to ask: How can I help our neighbors? Below you will learn more about our work and join us in sharing the transformative power of love in action. Together, we can be a source of light in the darkest moments of so many of our neighbors.

For those of you already involved in our mission, THANK YOU for being a beacon of hope. Your support strengthens our community, creating a brighter future for people struggling today.

With much love and gratitude,



Angela Di Novella  
Executive Director

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At Catholic Charities, we believe in the power of love to transform lives. We are dedicated to spreading love and support to families in need. Together, we can uplift our community and create lasting change.

**Join us in making a difference!**

This month, we will be highlighting our programs and showcasing the impact we make thanks to the generosity of our community.

**Together, we amplify the power of love!**



## GIVE HELP TODAY

Let this month of love be a testament to our commitment to action.

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## Financial Stability

Our Financial Stability Program has profoundly impacted the community, serving clients across Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo counties.

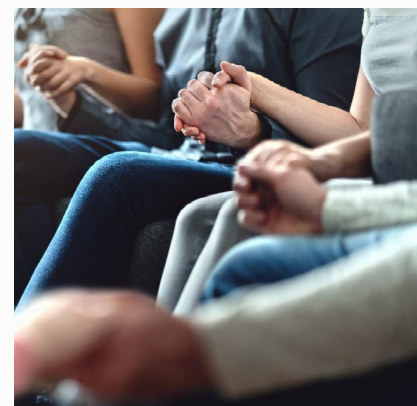
**We provided over \$5,000,000 in financial relief**, helping people secure stable housing and cover basic needs, such as food, gas, and utilities during challenging times.

During our Christmas Season, thanks to your generous contributions, we distributed vital resources to 1,000 children and their families through our initiatives. These efforts highlight the critical role of our program in fostering financial stability and resilience. Together, we are truly embodying the spirit of love in action!

## Love and Community in Action

Just two days before Thanksgiving, a mother and her two young children found themselves fleeing a violent home, desperately searching for a safe place to stay. As night fell, they wandered the streets, only to discover that every shelter was full. With no other option, they spent a long, cold night huddled together in an alleyway, where the mother clutched her purse tightly, hoping to protect the little money she had left. But as dawn broke, her worst fears came true—she was robbed of the last of their savings.

The following morning, a compassionate parishioner spotted



the distressed family and immediately offered them refuge at the local church. The parishioner encountered one of our staff members there, who quickly assessed their situation. Understanding the urgency, the team sprang into action, transforming an empty office into a cozy space for the family to rest for the day. They provided warm food and water, a safe haven for the mother and her children, and signed them up for vital services, including groceries and medical support.

A generous motel owner stepped in, offering the family a place to stay—a room with beds to lay their heads, a kitchenette to cook meals, and warm running water for bathing. The parishioner and our staff rallied together, delivering additional food, warm clothing, and toys for the children, ensuring they felt loved and cared for during this tumultuous time.

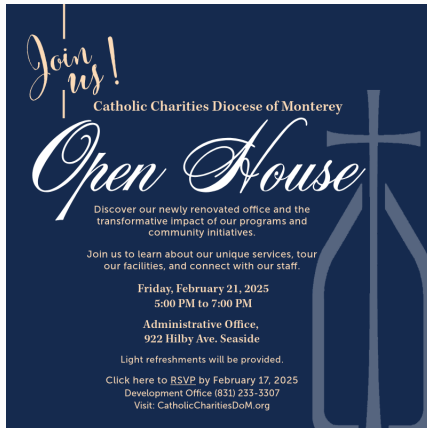
Recently, the mother came to celebrate her stability. She now has secured a job and a permanent home for herself and her children.

This story of resilience and community support is a true testament to love in action. It highlights the dignity restored to the mother and her children, who, against all odds, found hope and stability through the compassion of those around them.

**Join us in making a lasting difference.  
Together, we can turn compassion into action and help families find their way home.**

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## Upcoming Events



### Join Us at Our Open House!

We're excited to invite you to our newly renovated Catholic Charities Seaside Office! Join us on **Friday, February 21st from 5 to 7 PM** to explore our programs, hear inspiring stories, and meet our dedicated staff. We look forward to welcoming you!

[Join Us! RSVP Here](#)

## Immigration Legal Services: Welcoming the Stranger

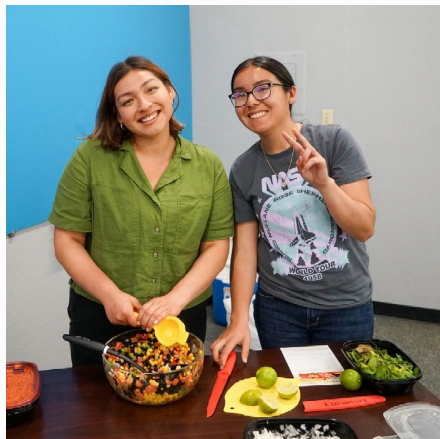
We are dedicated to offering vital immigration legal support to people who need it most. Our mission is rooted in compassion and a commitment to justice, ensuring that every individual has access to the resources necessary to navigate the complex immigration process. We understand that these

challenges can be overwhelming, and we strive to provide a welcoming environment where individuals feel safe and supported.

**In 2024, our expanded services have positively impacted 6,400 clients across Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo counties.**

We are proud to assist productive members of our communities, fleeing violence, hunger, and political persecution in their home countries. Our work also focuses on reuniting families, helping to bridge the gaps that separation can create.

Each person we support has a unique story, and we believe that by providing the appropriate guidance and resources, they can transform their lives and enrich our society as a whole, contributing their diverse perspectives and talents.

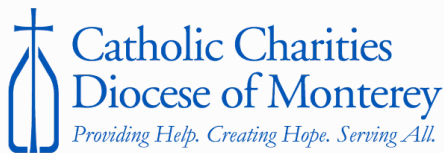


## Your Support Matters!

Join us in turning love into action by supporting our transformative programs and services. Your contributions are essential for changing lives and uplifting our community.

Together, we can spread love and make a meaningful impact!

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