



As we are in the midst of Lent and the weather warms up, we are filled with a renewed hope. We will soon see flowers blooming and celebrate the risen Christ. As we prepare our hearts for this restored life, it is important to keep the less fortunate in mind.

Catholic Social Services is committed to showing people in need this hope for growth and new life. Your generous prayers and donations allow us to continue this work and show those in need the love and hope of Christ.

This work cannot continue without you. Together, we can *provide help* and *create hope* to all in need. God Bless you.

Casa del Carmen Celebrates 100 Days of School



Last week, the students at Casa del Carmen Preschool Academy and their teachers celebrated the milestone of the 100th day of the school year. The preschoolers celebrated by dressing up as centenarians and decorating tee-shirts. The students are looking forward to the warm weather and playing outside.

Thanks to your generous donations, Casa del Carmen continued to serve students and their families during the pandemic. You have given the families hope and the students a place of refuge and fun. Thank you for your continued support!



Archbishop Visits St. Francis Villa

"When I came to live at St. Francis Villa, I knew God had brought me here for a reason. And I'm glad to be here," said resident Ramona Sanchez.

Archbishop Nelson Perez greeted residents of St. Francis Villa during his pastoral visit on March 3rd. Archbishop stopped at each apartment to bless the residents, their units, and a number of their religious articles.



St. Francis Villa opened in 2016 in Philadelphia's East Kensington neighborhood by Catholic Housing and Community Services (CHCS). The Villa houses 40 income-eligible individuals ages 62 and above. A CHCS social worker helps residents with all of their needs, creates care plans, and connects residents with benefits.

Your charitable donations allow CHCS to run St. Francis Villa and our four other housing facilities. You support our social workers and case workers and help the residents feel loved, and provide a secure sense of home. Thank you for your support!

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Community Gardeners are Excited for Spring



"We pray the rosary quite a bit in this garden, especially because of the many blessings God gives through it," said gardener Maria Lopez. "And we share those blessings with all."

CSS's Fatima Catholic Outreach Center is eagerly awaiting planting season for the Our Lady of Fatima Community Garden in Bensalem. In spring 2019, CSS teamed up with St. Charles Borromeo Parish and the Philadelphia Horticultural Society to develop the 22-acre garden.

In its third growing season, the community garden will construct 8 additional beds, hold gardening classes for the community, and incorporate chickens in the garden. Because of your consistent support, gardeners are able to meet virtually and brainstorm new ideas for each growing season.

Thanks to your support of CSS, Fatima Catholic Outreach Center is able to provide this amazing garden for the community to plant and harvest their own food. Your donations serve people in need every day and allow them to live healthier and more fruitful lives.

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Your donations make the work of Catholic Social Services programs possible. Please give today to help transform the lives of thousands of people. Together we will continue *providing help* and *creating hope*!

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