



As the weather warms up and the COVID restrictions are eased, we are so happy to be in community with each other again. It is a blessing to enjoy time outside with our friends and families. Catholic Social Services is so grateful for your support through the pandemic and we could not have provided so much help to those in need without you.

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

## Giving the best care to thousands of pregnant women

Catholic Social Services has been awarded the Real Alternatives Service Provider of the Year Award! Real Alternatives is a program that trains service providers to provide life-affirming pregnancy and parenting support services. For the ninth consecutive year, CSS has been recognized as the top service provider, and Northeast Family Service Center recognized as the top site of the year.

CSS has been a Real Alternatives service provider since 1995. We have 21 trained counselors, and last year provided services to 3,976 pregnant women. Thanks to your



support, CSS is able to give the best support to mothers and families who are struggling with their pregnancy. We could not support all of these women without you.

[Click here to support CSS's life-changing work.](#)

## Volunteers hours add up to thousands of reasons for hope



"I am really grateful for the opportunity to volunteer at Casa del Carmen Academy. It gives me the opportunity to focus on helping one student at a time. That's me doing my part."  
- Emily Trasher, CSS Volunteer

CSS celebrated National Volunteer Week from April 18 - 24, where Catholic Human Services honored 25 "partners in mission" with an online celebration. These individuals represented 4,090 volunteers who provided 95,911 hours of service to the Archdiocese's charitable works in 2020. Thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters! You provide life-saving work all across the Philadelphia area.

One of those recognized was Emily Trasher, a consistent volunteer at Casa del Carmen Preschool Academy. Trasher "has just become essential," said director Shari Gold. "Every day she goes above and beyond, and we don't want her to leave, ever. She's become part

of our Casa del Carmen family.” Trasher has been transformed by her experience and loves to do her small part in helping the children and staff.

[Click here to read more amazing volunteer stories.](#)

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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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