



Catholic Social Services is committed to helping those in need to navigate these uncertain times. Your prayers and donations have been incredibly helpful during the pandemic so far, and we are very grateful! We continue to celebrate the work of your generous gifts that *provide help* and *create hope* for individuals who are suffering most.

This work cannot continue without you. Please consider making a gift during this hot and challenging season. Together, we can make these hard times easier for everyone. Thank you.

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Casa del Carmen's drive-through graduation



“Skipping the ceremony was not an option,” said academy Director Shari Gold. “We didn’t want to go without saying congratulations to our children and praising both them and the staff.”

Forty-five students from Casa del Carmen Preschool Academy received their hard-earned diplomas June 19 at a drive-through ceremony hosted by Holy Innocents Parish in Philadelphia. Disney music and Elgar’s “Pomp and Circumstance” march echoed through the parish parking lot as teachers cheered and waved balloons. In addition to their diplomas, students received kindergarten supplies, a graduation teddy bear and a t-shirt reading “we survived preschool and quarantine 2020.” It was a different ceremony than anyone was expecting, but it turned out to be lots of fun.

In addition, during the past three months, Casa del Carmen staff have been distributing meals to families and checking on students' mental health, making sure their kids get everything they need. Your support of the Casa del Carmen children makes all the difference. Thank you for ensuring that these students were able to celebrate their accomplishment!

[Click here to read more about Casa del Carmen's unconventional ceremony.](#)

Seniors are eating nutritious meals, thanks to archdiocesan partnership



"Meeting clients' nutritional needs is critical to our outreach, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic, which has left older adults incredibly vulnerable," said Heather Hout, CHCS Executive Director.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia partnered with Giordano Garden Groceries to provide fruits, vegetables and dairy items to some 250 older adults served by Catholic Housing and Community Services. Giordano's, which serves the acclaimed Vetri and Starr restaurant

groups, prepared its signature "Fresh Essential" boxes for the effort, even dropping them off to CHCS clients who were without shopping assistance.

Your endless support inspired this creative partnership to form. The Seniors receiving food have been touched by your generosity and commitment to help. Thank you for all of your kindness and prayers.

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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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