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PARISH PARTNER TRAINING ST. STEPHEN'S

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' MT 25:40



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Agenda

- Parish Social Ministry
- CCFW Services Overview
- Working Family Services Overview
(long-term case management)
- Q&A



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Parish Social Ministry

Vision

Catholic Charities, the parishes and the individual faithful are working collaboratively as a church community to recognize the face of Christ in those in need and express God's love for more people in the margins of society.

"Catalysts and Collaborations in Social Ministry: Strategies for Parish Partnership and Parish Social Ministry in Catholic Charities" CCUSA 2008



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Parish Social Ministry

Social Ministries
Solidarity
Advocacy
Community Organizing
Formation

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MISSION



Service
Advocacy
Convening



Helps provide services to the community
Supports parish advocacy efforts
Runs parish social ministry program

Provides volunteer, spiritual, and financial support
Lends insights about the community
Maintains presence across the diocese





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Parish Social Ministry

What is a Parish Partner?

- Catholic Charities and parishes can support each other's efforts when they **recognize the strategic potential of each partner**. A **Parish Partner** is a parish community committed through the gifts of time, talent or treasure to collaborate with CCFW **to be a catalyst for charity and social justice**. The Parish Social Ministry program adds the expertise and services available through Catholic Charities to each parish's efforts, connecting families and individuals with community and Catholic Charities program.
- This is different from an outside resource or individual calling CCFW and requesting financial assistance.



2020 Impact

During a pandemic, CCFW and our parish partners continued to serve:

- ***311 mothers served*** by the Gabriel Project ministry (a parish-based ministry).
- ***1,251 financial assistance requests*** from the parishes were processed to support families in crisis, including those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ***44 referrals to long-term case management.***

2021 Impact

Year to Date, our Parish Partnerships have resulted in:

- ***156 mothers served*** by the Gabriel Project ministry (a parish-based ministry) and counting.
- Approximately ***600 financial assists***, serving over ***397 families*** and providing just over ***\$400k*** in financial assistance thus far.



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CCFW SERVICES

VITA



- **Free income tax preparation**
- Serving the entire diocese of FW
- IRS Trained Volunteers
- Drop-off or virtual appointments available
- Bilingual services available
- Services are year-round



VITA

Eligibility:

- Make less than \$60,000/year
- Reside within the 28-county diocese of Fort Worth
- We are not certified to prepare taxes for those who are **married filing separate.**



STAY THE COURSE

- Stay the Course is a research project to evaluate how case management can help low-income students persist in school and ultimately graduate, equipping them with credentials that increase earning power.
- Money is only $\frac{1}{4}$ of the problem. Nonacademic personal obstacles, social and institutional obstacles, and academic preparation are the other barriers.
- ***That's where we fit in – to capture and address some of the non-academic obstacles to success.***

STAY THE COURSE

- Each student is paired with a *Navigator* who provides them what we call “supercharged” case management: holistic, wrap-around services
- Our approach is individualized and relationship-based, so each Navigator-student relationship looks different.

STAY THE COURSE

Research Findings:

- When paired with a Navigator, students increase their success of graduating at a rate 4x higher than those who don't receive our services.
- What's more, thirty-five percent of female Stay the Course students graduated three years after enrollment compared to less than 1% in the comparison group.



STAY THE COURSE

- Stay the Course offers supportive services to help **TCC** students become familiar with the college system and manage situations outside of school that affects their ability to work towards graduation.
- **Limited, non-academic financial assistance is available to help students stay enrolled in school.**
- **Eligibility:**
 - Pell grant eligible
 - Not dually enrolled in high school
 - No previous degree
 - Not planning to graduate within the semester enrolled

Rural Vocations

- Vocation Program at **Weatherford College** – each student is paired with a CCFW Navigator who will guide and assist students reach their goals for school, degree completion and career exploration.
- **Eligible students must:**
 - Be a resident of Texas
 - Between the ages of 18-62
 - Willing and able to work
 - Have work authorization status
 - Be at or below 200% of federal poverty line
 - Apply for FAFSA
 - Be willing to commit to program goals
 - Not hold a degree from a school within the United States
 - Reside in one of the 28 counties in the Diocese of Fort Worth
 - Commit to program goals, including biweekly meetings and monthly household budgets



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The Gabriel Project

- The Gabriel Project offers free assistance to pregnant women and their families through spiritual encouragement, emotional support and the provision of baby items. We also connect women and families to resources designed to help them achieve their financial, educational and employment goals. The Gabriel Project works with families from pregnancy until their child is 18 months old.
- There is only one paid staff member from CCFW, and this ministry otherwise operates solely on volunteers and donations.
- Our goal is to be available and connect with pregnant women in crisis, turmoil or in need with **emphasis on choosing life and healthy outcomes for both mom & baby.**

“...And the angel answered him, ‘I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.’”

Luke 1:19

Dental Clinic:

- To service our communities' dental needs, Catholic Charities Fort Worth Dental Clinic provides **high quality dental care with a fee structure designed for low- and moderate-income families.**
- Our Dental Practice provides professional care to children and adults alike with treatment plans based on patient needs.

- **SERVICES:**
 - **Preventive Care** – Exams, x-rays, cleanings, and consultations
 - **General Services** – Fillings, crowns, and bridges
 - **Specialty** – Root canals, dentures, partial dentures, and surgical extraction
- Referrals: new patients should call the clinic directly at **817.600.1461** and be prepared to pay a \$50 initial visit fee at the time of scheduling.

- Catholic Charities Fort Worth Immigration Consulting Services (ICS) provides **legal assistance to individuals who are eligible under the law to apply for immigration benefits.**
- ***Our focus is the reunification of families.***
- Our services include personal consultation, application preparation and filing, and administrative legal representation for our clients.
- We cover all areas of family-based immigration, humanitarian relief, and citizenship services.

- Referrals: An appointment is required for new clients.
- Schedule an appointment online or by phone- www.ccfwimmigration.com; 817.289.4399, or email ics@ccdofw.org.
- An initial fee of \$40 is due at the time of scheduling.
- If scheduling online or over the phone we required payment in debit/credit card. In-person-card, cash, or money orders are accepted.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: SERVICES AND REFERRALS



Financial Assistance

We are currently able to assist with:

- **Utilities**: (TXU, ATMOS, Reliant) for anyone living within the 28-county diocese that are served by these utility providers.
- **COVID-19 Relief Funds**: Up to \$1200/family for housing and/or utilities.



Financial Assistance

In general, utilities are limited to:

- \$300/year *per provider* (TXU, ATMOS and Reliant)
- An income limit of 200% of the federal poverty level or below living wage for their household size.



Financial Assistance

COVID-19 Relief Fund Eligibility

- Reside in the 28-county diocese of Fort Worth
- No income requirement but must have a documented financial impact resulting from the pandemic (shown on next slide).
- Limited to \$1200 for rent/mortgage and/or utilities
- Any utility provider can be requested (excluding cable, internet and phone).



Financial Assistance

COVID-19 Relief Fund Eligibility

The definition for being impacted by COVID-19 is very broad and accommodating:

1.*	Was furloughed from employment or suffered a reduction in hours due to COVID-19
2.*	Owens a business that suffered loss of income due to COVID-19
3.	<i>Is unable to work or telework either in whole or in part due to a need to care for son or daughter under 18 years of age due to school or childcare provider closure due to COVID-19</i>
4.	<i>Is unable to work or telework either in whole or in part due to a need to care for an elderly or disabled person who will otherwise be uncared for due to COVID-19</i>
5.	Is unable to work due to a state or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19



Financial Assistance

COVID-19 Relief Fund Eligibility

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| 6. | Is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and is seeking or awaiting a medical diagnosis |
| 7. | Has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19 |
| 8. | Is caring for an individual who is subject to a quarantine or isolation order or has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine related to COVID-19 |
| 9. | Voluntarily elected to be removed from the workforce due to underlying health conditions making the client vulnerable to complications and/or death in the event client contracts COVID-19 |
| 10. | Voluntarily elected to be removed from the workforce out of concerns of exposure to or spread of COVID-19 during the ongoing pandemic. |



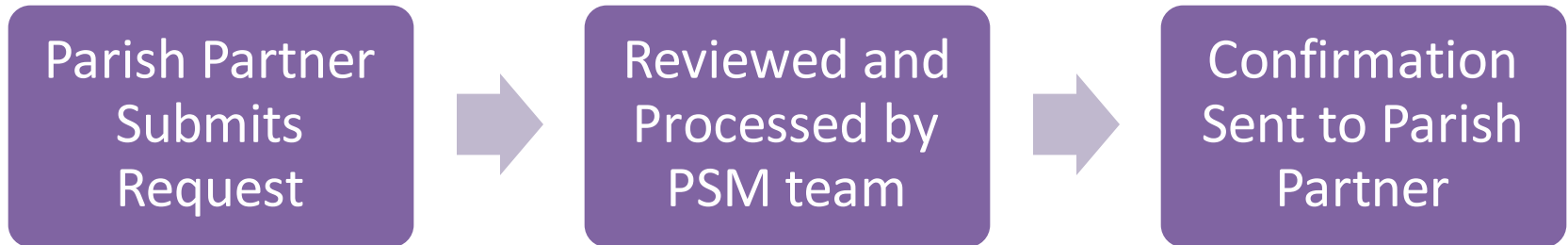
Financial Assistance

- Some funding restrictions include:
 - Whether late fees can be covered for utilities or rent
 - Mortgage assistance is for principal and interest only
 - How much financial assistance client has received from CCFW in the last 12 months
 - The amount of assistance available for rent and utilities may vary depending on the provider and the funding source



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PARISH REFERRALS



Financial Assistance

Liaisons: Each SVDP appoints 2-3 *liaisons* to serve as the point of contact with CCFW regarding parish referrals and communication.

Identification of liaisons is TBD:

- Communicate important information with the conference (funding updates, changes to paperwork, etc).
- Provide on-going training and guidance to Vincentians on parish referrals.
- Communicate with the PSM team regarding any questions/concerns regarding referrals (Pam or Allison).



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Financial Assistance

We rely on your judgment when referring households that have previously received financial assistance from CCFW through a parish partner.



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WORKING FAMILY SERVICES

LONG TERM CASE MANAGEMENT



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Working Family Services

Kashae's Story



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Looking Ahead

Questions?