When we got to Tanya's apartment, her son Christopher wasn't home yet from school. Tanya welcomed us inside to wait for him so that Christopher would get to see Santa. As we were waiting, Tanya told us about how much Christopher loved Christmas and how much he loved Christmas decorations. She showed us the decorations they had up—a small Christmas tree with a few ornaments and three or four presents in front of it. Because Tanya was going to school full time and only able to work part-time, she couldn't buy a lot of the decorations that Christopher had wanted…but she did “splurge” on a 2 foot tall tree from the dollar store. The presents in front of the tree were empty—they were old gift bags they had found and put out to add some decoration.

Tanya was so grateful for all of the presents and love showered on her and her son—they had toys and a special meal to share and gift cards so they could pick out some additional things. But, what they were most excited about was the new full-sized Christmas tree and ornaments they received.

Simple things can make a big difference. A simple tree can bring you joy and remind you that Christmas and the light it brings into the world, will come—even when things seem dark. The lights at Christmas remind us that Christ, our light, came into the world. He came to us small and humbly, as a baby, with an immense heart full of love for us. As we move closer to Christmas, we ask that you join Catholic Charities in reflecting Jesus’ love by doing small acts with big heart. Every act of generosity you give brings light into our world and helps those who need you the most.

Small Acts Done with Big Heart make a huge difference in our community!

From January to October 2018, we've had:

| over 12,000 | over $434,900 | over 5,000 |
| people served | in donations | volunteer hours |

We still have work to do but we are beyond grateful for every one of our supporters—those who share their time, their talent, and their treasure with us. You bring light into this world!
Dear Friends,

I am overwhelmed and grateful for each and every one of you. It is your generous heart that keeps Catholic Charities motivated to do the work of serving our neighbors in need. There is a book that I love to read to my grandchildren called “Stone Soup” and the story talks about the immense power there is in sharing with one another. Your sharing with Catholic Charities brings many people to our door steps. There is a homeless veteran who comes here on a regular basis just to seek shelter from the colder weather, there is a single mother who is doing everything she can to get an education and provide for her children, there is an immigrant family that is trying to do things the “right way” to become legalized, there is a family that is struggling to adjust to the loss of their mother……the stories are endless, but they are more than just stories, they are real people living right here in our neighborhoods.

It is through your support that we can continue to find ways to meet the challenges that lie ahead of us. You have been a dedicated friend to Catholic Charities and a driving force for love, peace and justice in our community. You understand that there is true value in sharing your time, talent and treasure to help those who are struggling.

Would you consider making a commitment to give $10, $25 or $50 per month for 12 months to help support the work that Catholic Charities is doing to help those who find themselves needing just a little bit of hope? Small acts done with big heart—together, it adds up to make a huge difference.

May God bless you during this Christmas season and throughout 2019.

Cynthia Quintanilla, Executive Director

The Catholic Charities Difference

Our mission is to provide our neighbors in the South Plains a path to well-being through support and empowerment. In all that we do, we aim to serve others as we would Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). From "basic" needs to more complex ones, we aim to serve with big hearts and a holistic approach. We are here to journey with our neighbors on their paths.
Stability
Janet is an elderly woman living on $535 per month. She has recently lost a considerable amount of weight due to her health and her dentures no longer fit her properly. Catholic Charities was able to help Janet have her dentures refitted. We were also able to provide her with food from our food pantry and assistance with her utility bill. Janet has a new reason to smile.

Over 5,000 people received emergency assistance  
Over 580 elderly received help  
Over 642 people received wraparound services

Empowerment
Each year, parents like Tanya—whose story is on the front page—take the steps required to transition their families out of poverty: they work, they go to school, they take care of their kids, and they count on Catholic Charities for support and encouragement. In 2018:

25 parents graduated from college  
15 parents graduated from short courses  
Over 30 people transitioned out of poverty

Counseling
Jane’s mom decided to kick her out of the house. She is a pregnant 17-year-old who had decided to drop out of school. Jane’s godmother called Catholic Charities for help. A case manager called Jane’s mom, but her decision was final—Jane had to leave. Jane’s godmother called back to say that if we could get her to Waco, she would take care of Jane and the soon to arrive baby. We provided Jane with a bus ticket to Waco and a suitcase from the Resale Center. Jane made it safely to her godmother and is going to go back to school; in the meantime, Jane and her godmother are anxiously awaiting the baby, expected on December 7th.

An average of 167 kids were served each month  
587 new youth were served this year  
60 adults received low cost counseling

Immigration
Jose and his wife Maria came to Catholic Charities for a consultation for immigration. Maria needed help figuring out what her options were so that she could stay in the U.S with her husband of 13 years and their three children, all of whom were U.S. citizens. Her options were explained to her and she had help filling out the necessary forms. She was very worried though about being separated from her family; she couldn't eat or sleep because she was so nervous. It took three years for Maria's interview to finally be scheduled. As she was driving back from her interview, she called our office to tell us the good news—she is now a legal permanent resident. Maria could finally breathe a little easier, and, she was very excited to hear that in three more years she can apply to be a citizen herself.

Over 956 people were helped with forms, kept with their families, and assisted with the many aspects of legal immigration

Resale Center
Resale Center at 1505 34th Street has been in the community for over 20 years, providing low-cost alternatives for families and, in some cases, providing for those needs at no cost. Proceeds from the Resale Center provide support to Catholic Charities' many other programs. Annually, Resale Center supports over a dozen separate non-profits whose missions are aligned with that of Catholic Charities: Communities in Schools, Suzie’s Closet, St. Benedict’s Chapel, Family Promise, Sunrise Canyon and many more.
Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Highlights
July 2017 - June 2018

INCOME $2,510,214

Donations $503,343
- INDIVIDUAL & ORGANIZ. CONTRIBUTIONS $134,328
- CATHOLIC CHURCHES CONTRIBUTIONS $20,158
- UNITED WAY ALLOCATIONS $96,259
- SPECIAL EVENTS (NET) $106,514
- DIOCESE-DCA $70,000
- RESALE CENTER MERCHANDISE DONATIONS $76,084

Grants $1,554,163
- GOVERNMENT GRANTS - YOUTH & FAMILY $911,670
- GOVERNMENT GRANTS - PARENT EMPOWERMENT $303,122
- OTHER GRANTS - PARENT EMPOWERMENT $76,970
- FOUNDATION GRANTS $30,946
- GLASSES & DENTURES (LIONS CLUB) $11,000
- MEDICATION GRANT (COVENANT) $69,984
- GRANTS - UNITED WAY ELDERLY PROGRAM $126,471
- GRANT - FEMA $24,000

Other $452,708
- RESALE CENTER SALES $261,401
- IMMIGRATION CLIENT FEES $168,737
- INVESTMENT RETURN $22,570

EXPENSES $2,480,557

Program Services $2,126,616
- EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE $227,040
- FAMILY COUNSELING $24,682
- LEARN TO COOK $12,711
- RESALE CENTER $346,511
- LEGALIZATION $139,261
- PARENT EMPOWERMENT $372,549
- YOUTH & FAMILY $903,873
- UNITED WAY ELDERLY $99,989

Management & General $327,374

Fundraising $26,567

*AS OF JUNE 30, 2018, NET INCOME IS RELATED TO ALL GRANT-DRIVEN PROGRAMS THAT OPERATE UNDER DIFFERENT FISCAL YEARS.*

Ways to Give

By mail:
Checks can be mailed to:
Catholic Charities of Lubbock
102 Ave. J,
Lubbock, TX 79401

*Program designations and memorials can be made by both checks and online.*

Online:
You can make a one time donation or set-up recurring payments with check or credit card via our website:
www.cclubbock.org/donate

Other:
From coming to an event to shopping at the Resale Center to volunteering to praying for us and the families we serve, there are so many ways to support Catholic Charities. To see the full list visit: www.cclubbock.org/support

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