Gail was going through a rough path. She couldn't afford her utility bill that month and she didn't have enough food in her fridge. Gail came into our office and we were able to help her with her bill and provide her with food from our pantry.

Gail was like many of the people who call us or come into our office for help: a little embarrassed that she had to ask for help but unsure of where else to go or who else to turn to when she had a crisis.

About a week later, we received a card from Gail:

"I wish I could find the perfect way to thank you for all you have done for me and others. You always seem to know just what people need & there for the ones that need so much help. Caring is such a part of what you do. Just want you to know I “thank you”. And to let you know you[r] generous spirit has touched my life and so many others. Again you will never know what the words means [sic] to me and other[s] when y’all said “That's what we're here for, to help”. And that's what y'all did. Thank you so much"

There is a well-known quote attributed to Mother Teresa: “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” This quote inspired us this year to focus on doing small acts with big heart. And, when we are all working together, our small acts add up to make a huge difference in our community.

The case workers who helped Gail had not realized the effect they had on her or that one of the most important things they had done was to be kind and reassuring. In turn, Gail’s card really brightened the week of the case workers involved. In the end, the small things done with big heart made a huge difference.

We are so grateful for the big hearts of those in our community!
From December 1, 2018-April 1, 2019:

2,886 lives were impacted
Dear Friends,

Catholic Charities Diocese of Lubbock continues to try to assist with needs of families who are struggling to make ends meet. There are probably many of us who could easily handle a small crisis without requiring too much help from others. But, what about something major? A fire? An undetected water leak? Major dental problems? A delay in financial aid? A newer and more expensive medication? These are just a few of the situations that families who have come to Catholic Charities find themselves in unexpectedly.

Thanks to you and many of our generous and faithful donors, Catholic Charities is able to help these families during their time of crisis.

I pray that this Lenten season is a fruitful one for you. May your spirit be renewed as we come closer to celebrating the Easter season and may your Lenten sacrifices be centered around meeting the needs of others. Even if Lent is not a yearly tradition for you, may God’s love abound in courage, strength and compassion in your life. Both Catholic Charities and our neighbors in need are depending on the generosity of people who care.

Will you join us today in walking with our neighbors in need?

Cynthia Quintanilla, Executive Director

Give Back While Having a Great Time:

$150 per couple, includes:
- a raffle entry with 3 chances to win $1,000
- a delicious dinner with open bar
- a silent and live auction
- a great time with old and new friends
- and, an opportunity to hear directly from one of the people whose life your generosity has helped.

Tickets and more information at: www.cclubbock.org/night-to-remember
Direct Client Assistance
Under our Direct Client Assistance, we have a program designated to specifically help the elderly in need in our community. Many times, the elderly who need assistance are living on very limited incomes and need help in several different areas. Mrs. Johnson originally came in to apply for help with dentures. She was living on $433 per month in Social Security and her SNAP benefits weren’t enough to keep her stomach full. Not only were we able to help her get new dentures so she could eat and live more comfortably, but we were able to give her food from the pantry and assist her with hygiene supplies. She was so very thankful for the help.

Empowerment
Jane was attending nursing school so that she could transition her and her daughter out of poverty and have a better life. As a full-time mom and student, she was not able to work. She called Catholic Charities because her utilities were disconnected, and she needed help. We were able to pay her bill and reconnect fee so we could get her utilities restored. Jane was able to graduate from nursing school at the end of last year and is now working full time as a nurse. Jane’s family is on the path to self-sufficiency.

Counseling
Parenting is difficult enough without the added burden of financial difficulties. A counselor is working with Mrs. Price, who is raising her three great-grandchildren. Thanks to the generosity of Holy Spirit parishioners, Councilman Juan Chadis, and the community, the children were able to get Christmas gifts through our Giving Tree program. The counselor is working with the two younger children on raising their self-esteem and working through bullying issues. She is also working with the older sibling, who is dealing with suicidal thoughts and is learning how to avoid negative peers. While the family still has a long way to go, they have been brought hope and support.

Immigration
Catholic Charities is working with our first Refugee Resettlement need. We were contacted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and asked to assist a family fleeing the violence of life in Democratic Republic of Congo and to help them unite with family living in Lubbock. This young family--husband, wife, and three year old daughter--are grateful for the support services of Catholic Charities as they transition into their new life in America and their reunification with family they haven’t seen in many years.

Resale Center
You might have noticed some changes at our thrift store lately. There is a newly completed metal storage building on the Resale Center lot that will accommodate the need for longer-term storage for seasonal items. Store staff and volunteers are excited as this much needed expansion will allow for more efficient processing of donations and allow for more of the store to be used as sales floor space. Also, in the parking lot there is a new watermill station. Though we won’t make money off the sales at this station, they will be paying rent for the space which comes back to help our direct client assistance.

We’ve also had three family volunteer events so far this year, two at the store and one at our main office. Families have helped sort clothes, process donations, portion food for families, and stock our pantry. We’ve been excited to have volunteers of all ages using their free time to give back to those in need.
Mid-Fiscal Year Highlights  
July 2018–December 2018

INCOME: $1,216,699

Donations: $173,145
- INDIVIDUAL & ORGANIZ. CONTRIBUTIONS $51,939
- CATHOLIC CHURCHES CONTRIBUTIONS $18,339
- UNITED WAY ALLOCATIONS $43,213
- SPECIAL EVENTS (NET) $9,239
- DIOCESE-DCA $0
- RESALE CENTER MERCHANDISE DONATIONS $34,707
- CHRISTMAS APPEAL $15,708

Grants: $836,814
- GOVERNMENT GRANTS - YOUTH & FAMILY $433,947
- GOVERNMENT GRANTS - PARENT EMPOWERMENT $209,808
- OTHER GRANTS - PARENT EMPOWERMENT $27,380
- FOUNDATION GRANTS $58,246
- GLASSES & DENTURES (LIONS CLUB) $7,500
- DIRECT CLIENT ASSISTANCE (COVENANT) $25,000
- GRANTS - UNITED WAY ELDERLY PROGRAM $62,933
- GRANT - FEMA $12,000

Other: $206,740
- RESALE CENTER SALES $126,876
- IMMIGRATION CLIENT FEES $71,961
- INVESTMENT RETURN $7,903

EXPENSES: $1,343,307

Program Services: $1,134,613
- EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE $94,710
- FAMILY COUNSELING $12,127
- LEARN TO COOK $1,920
- RESALE CENTER $240,801
- LEGALIZATION $62,147
- PARENT EMPOWERMENT $206,951
- YOUTH & FAMILY $455,932
- UNITED WAY ELDERLY $60,025

Management & General: $196,921

Fundraising: $11,773

*NOTE THAT GRANT-DRIVEN PROGRAMS OPERATE UNDER DIFFERENT FISCAL YEARS.*

Take Part in Our Mission:

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

Ways to Give:

When you give to Catholic Charities, you are giving help and hope to those in need in our community. Your generosity makes a real difference. Program designations and memorials can be made both by check 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

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