CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CORPUS CHRISTI, INC. RECEIVED A $28,000.00 GRANT FROM THE WALMART FOUNDATION

Funding to Increase enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the City of Corpus Christi, and Rural Areas

Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi, Inc. Rural Outreach Program has received a $28,000.00 grant from the Walmart Foundation to increase SNAP Enrollment in our servicing areas. It is estimated that approximately 25.3% of our clients live below the Federal Poverty Rate and 25% struggle to put food on the table.

This grant will facilitate the delivery of essential services including accessibility of emergency food in the following counties: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio. Catholic Charities estimates an increase of 17% in the number of people enrolled in SNAP as a result of the Foundations’ support.

“The reality is that many in our community are living 80% below the Area Median Income, experiencing food insecurity and hunger.”

Food Insecurity is the limited or uncertain availability of adequate and safe foods for a family or an individual. Throughout our 12 County area, it is estimated that approximately 25% of our children and families experience food insecurity.

Hunger is referring to the recurrent and involuntary lack of access to sufficient food due to poverty or constrained resources, which often lead to malnutrition especially among our children and elderly. Throughout our 12 County area, it is estimated that approximately 17.8% experience hunger one to three days per month.

In 2016, Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi distributed 2,410,263 pounds of food