

1976

- Catholic Charities implemented programs to reach Senior Citizens.
- Through Catholic Charities workshops were scheduled to reach all four Deaneries of the Diocese.
- Guatemala was struck by an earthquake; the local Catholic Charities Relief Services accepted cash donations to aid the victims.

1977

- Catholic Charities distribute Operation Rice Bowl kits to all parishes. Amount raised was allocated to assist local area poverty needs.
- The Sisters of Our Lady of Charity moved into 1201 Lantana, and Sister Patrick “Caitlin” Bruen joined Catholic Charities Counseling Program, and the Pregnancy Counseling Program.
- Foy H. Moody High School Baseball Team volunteers putting together the Christmas Food Baskets; by this time they had become a tradition.

1978

- The Birthright Program became independent of Catholic Charities.
- Catholic Charities initiated a program to visit and distribute the Holy Eucharist in Nursing Homes.
- HEB Grocery Stores began supporting the Christmas Food Baskets.

1979

- Catholic Charities participated in a Community Relations Seminar for Refugee Resettlement agencies from Louisiana and Texas to open doors to Indochinese refugees and the local community.
- Catholic Charities “pledged” once again to all local community agencies that it will never duplicate existing services throughout the serving areas of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.
- Monsignor Freeman re-initiated monthly meetings with 26 local and county agencies to make them aware of the services available in order to avoid duplication.
- Catholic Charities formed “The Emergency Aid Coalition.”

1980

- Catholic Charities comes to the aid of victims affected by Hurricane Allen.
- Twelve Sisters from Catholic Charities volunteer to assist the Red Cross.
- Sister of Mount Thabor Convent assisted Catholic Charities in the rural areas of the Diocese.
- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops makes funds available to Catholic Charities, and the Cuban Refugee Resettlement Program was initiated.
- Catholic Charities receives the first grant from the Texas Department of Human Services to teach English to the Indochinese refugees of the area.

1981

- Catholic Charities established the first English as a Second Language Program in Corpus Christi and Rockport with the help of Sister Patrick and Sister Therese.
- Governor Clement of Texas asked Catholic Charities to continue its work with the English as a Second Language Program. The first group of refugees became eligible for naturalization.
- The Cuban Special Placement Program was initiated by Catholic Charities; financial assistance was provided and expenses were reimbursed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- Cambodian refugees were resettled in our Diocese; Catholic Charities assisted and they were housed at the Corpus Christi Academy. The Cuban Refugee Program was phased out.

1982

- English as a Second Language grant was renewed to serve 65 Cambodian refugees.
- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provided a grant for a 10 week course in Driver’s Education.
- Catholic Charities was asked by The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to assist with the resettlement of Polish refugees.
- L.L. Harris Wholesale Grocery provided weekly food supplies to Catholic Charities pantry located at 1201 Leopard Street.
- Catholic Charities began to distribute daily sack lunches to the homeless and unemployed.

1983

- The Office for Persons with a Disability Program was established as a Diocesan Program.
- Monthly Masses and interpretations in American Sign Language were made available in Laredo and Brownsville for persons with a disability.
- Living and Learning workshops were developed to promote socialization skills.
- A Fun Day was established to facilitate recreational activities for Intellectual and Physically Disabled Persons.