Following our Mission, Purpose, Vision and Beliefs we began to take another look at the many challenges affecting our communities extremely low, low, and moderate income families, and it discovered that in order to best serve our clients we needed to develop a program that not only addresses the immediate needs of our working poor, but one that will educate and empower the family.

Catholic Charities becomes the first HUD Approved Housing Counseling program that developed and implemented a Family Self-sufficiency curriculum and program, which quickly became a model for other Housing Counseling Programs.

Other Catholic Charities adopted this new component for Family Self-sufficiency; we shared our program and curriculum with other Catholic Charities in our network.

Catholic Charities opens its Certified Credit Counseling Program with a certified credit counselor with the National Association of Certified Credit Counselors.

First Call – Connecting People & Resources is established; the program is developed to link churches, faith-based and local non-profit organizations in a 12 county area. The program provides assistance with unmet needs of people and communities.

The Community Wellness & Family Outreach known as The Healthy Living Center was established to educate, facilitate, and promote healthy living opportunities. The program was designed to educate and bring awareness to diabetes, promote healthy eating and cooking classes, early childhood intervention and education, provide assistance with prescription medication, and to serve as a community linkage to clinics and hospitals.


Catholic Charities began the construction of the Mother Teresa Multi-Purpose Activity and Therapeutic Center and the Transitional Housing for Men with the help and financial support from the City of Corpus Christi, the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs-Homeless Housing Services Program, and the Kenedy Memorial Foundation.

Food Insecurity Program was developed with the sole purpose of eliminating hunger and meeting the immediate need for food in 25.6% of children and families throughout the 12 County areas of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi joined Catholic Charities across our Nation to help reduce poverty in our communities.


Catholic Charities completes the construction and opens the doors to a 24 single bedrooms at the Mother Teresa Transitional Housing for Men; the facility becomes the first transitional housing with private rooms and an all-inclusive program that focuses on the Needs of a Homeless Person through the Continuum of Care and family reunification.

Catholic Charities with the blessing of Bishop Mulvey and a grant from the Kenedy Memorial Foundation and Catholic Charities USA developed 8 food pantries in “Food Desert Communities and Colonias.”

Following our Catholic tradition and our Catholic Social Teaching, we once again paused to reflect on the impact we are making in the community; we took a proactive approach of evaluating the success of our programs and services, we reassessed our gap in services, and we focused our collective efforts on a collection of core areas that we believe can make a difference in the lives of the people in need.

In 2014, Pope Francis addressed Catholic Charities and described us all as “our national network of caring people bringing compassion, relief and hope to those in need,” and in His words He reminded us that “you are the salt, leaven and light that provides a beacon of hope to those in need. You as Catholic Charities help to change the course of your local communities, your states, your country and the world by your witness to that encounter with the Lord Jesus, who gives us abundant life and joy.”

At the end of our evaluation we concluded that “we are the beacon of hope that shines wide and far, serving in communities all across our Diocese, as we distilled from our Scriptures and our Catholic values and traditions, which guide our work.”

The difficult plight of so many in our community impels us to work for the common good of all. Catholic Charities established a food pantry in Flour Bluff, and began to provide other basic needs assistance including the development of a referral system designed to link clients to other Catholic Charities services.