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New Choice Pantry to Open Soon at Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi, Texas, February 18, 2020 - Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi is reenergizing their current food pantry by turning it into a Choice Pantry. A Choice Pantry allows clients seeking food assistance to choose for themselves what products they receive rather than receiving pre-packaged bags. The choice system helps families “shop” for foods they like and need while leaving behind items they will not use. Nothing goes to waste. The Choice Pantry will offer clients access to healthy and nutritious foods. While the specific food selection will vary from month to month, items from each nutritional food group (dairy, protein, grains, fruits, vegetables) will always be represented. A staff member or volunteer will be on-hand to assist when shopping.

How does this work?
Step One
  • Client will schedule an appointment for the Choice Pantry or be a walk-in
Step Two
  • Client will meet with Budget & Money Management staff and SNAP/Outreach Coordinator
  • Review of income and benefits with Outreach Coordinator
  • Discuss SNAP eligibility and/or benefit utilization
Step Three
  • Shop!

While we will be working closely with the Coastal Bend Food Bank, H-E-B, and Grow Local, we still need community help and partnerships for volunteers to help staff the pantry, dairy items and healthy food options for diabetics, low sodium items, etc.

Blessing by Bishop Mulvey and Grand Opening March 2, 2020, 10:00 am!
The Choice Pantry is a part of Catholic Charities’ efforts to reduce hunger and food insecurity in South Texas homes. Having the opportunity to choose their own food gives clients a sense of dignity and control, and allows them to tailor the help they receive to be the best possible fit for their own unique situation.

Funding support is provided by Catholic Charities USA and the Walmart Foundation. The new Choice Pantry at 615 Oliver Court is facilitated by the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Department.

For more information, please call (361) 884-0651 or go to www.catholiccharities-cc.org.

*Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi, Inc. serves the 12 counties of the Diocese of Corpus Christi with the following departments and programs:* Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department; Catholic Charities-Flour Bluff; Emergency Aid Program; Family Self-Sufficiency Program; Housing Counseling Program; Prescription Assistance Program; and Rural Outreach Program; Children & Family Services Department; Parents as Teachers Program; Community Outreach Services Department; Ministry & Life Enrichment for Persons with Disabilities Program; and Representative Payee Program; Counseling Department; Disaster Response Services Department; Immigration Department; Mother Teresa Shelter; and Mother Teresa Transitional Housing for Men.