

BE THE HOPE.
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BE THE EXAMPLE.
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BE THE HELPER.
BE THE CHANGE.
BE THE DELIVERANCE.
BE THE HUMANITARIAN.
BE THE SALVATION.
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BE THE POSITIVE.
BE THE GIVER.

Be the LIGHT

“Jesus calls us to be the light of the world through our faith and generosity. By partnering with Catholic Charities, you will be a light that gives life, hope, and a way to a better future.”

BISHOP EDWARD C. MALESIC



BE THE LEADER.
BE THE COMPASSION.
BE THE STARTING POINT.
BE THE CHANNEL OF PEACE.
BE THE PRAYER ANSWERED.
BE THE REASON.
BE THE GOOD SAMARITAN.
BE THE MIRACLE.
BE THE GUARDIAN.
BE THE JOURNALER.
BE THE GIVER.



*Bishop Malesic visiting Catholic Charities
Hispanic Services at Covenant Center*

Be the...

BLESSING. INSPIRATION. LOVE. HOPE.

Jesus promises us all a better day. He promises people who are hungry that they will eventually be fed. He promises those who are thirsty that they will receive a drink. He promises people with addiction that there is a way out of their suffering. Catholic Charities provides hope to people who are facing many difficult challenges. When we bring the light of our faith and generosity to others, we give people the promise of something new and different in their lives.

The Catholic Charities Appeal is a grace-filled opportunity to shine your light brightly for the Lord and to help your brothers and sisters in need. By partnering with Catholic Charities, you become the hands, the feet, and the soul of the Church, reflecting great love for all God's people.

“We, every one of us, have been blessed in one way or another. The Lord gives us these blessings so that they can be used for good and shared with those most in need.”

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Be the **BLESSING.**

Suffering after two strokes. Fighting for disability income. Homeless for nearly two years. Isolated from his only child. These are the hardships Samuel faces. Released from incarceration in 2020, he describes the mental strain of “coming home to no one and nothing.”

While living in a shelter, Samuel relied on Catholic Charities Bishop Cosgrove Center for breakfast and lunch, hot showers, and human kindness. “Especially with this virus around, I can’t find the words to say what a blessing this has been.” With help from Catholic Charities, Samuel now has his own place, and the Cosgrove Center is providing furniture.

“I’m grateful for support from the Cosgrove Center. I’m not the only one. A lot of people are going through hard times. To get this help is unbelievable.”

SAMUEL, BISHOP COSGROVE CENTER





Be the **INSPIRATION.**

At 14, Yamileydis wants to be a leader in her community. She lives on Cleveland's west side in a happy home. Her mother was born in Puerto Rico and speaks only Spanish. With three older brothers, she says, "there is always something going on!"

Last summer, Yamileydis participated in the Catholic Charities Hispanic Services drug and alcohol prevention program, creating posters and puppet shows about drug awareness and healthy behaviors. "We made posters about bullying because kids can be mean. But no matter what's going on at home, you can be kind. The positive messages helped me a lot, too." Yamileydis guided younger children while keeping older teen participants on task. She recommends the program for leadership skills, making friends, and inspiring younger kids.

"My mom liked the program. It put me in a positive mindset. I'm grateful to Catholic Charities Hispanic Services for a good program that helps our community."

YAMILEYDIS, HISPANIC SERVICES

Be the LOVE.

At 96, Stan has lived a full life. He served in World War II, played college basketball, worked for Goodyear Aviation, and was a devoted husband and father of five. After his wife entered a nursing home, Stan continued to live independently and loves getting out twice a week to Catholic Charities Summit Adult Day Services. "I'm able to mix with people instead of sitting on my tookus all day! I enjoy it, and they marvel at what I can do."

Stan's daughter, Anne, is delighted. "We knew that when my dad was going to be living alone, he needed activities and social interaction. All of us together couldn't duplicate their services."

"As you age, you need something to do. This is a great way to mingle with people, do crafts, exercise, activities – and the food is good!"

STAN, SUMMIT ADULT DAY SERVICES





Be the **HOPE.**

An Afghani translator for the U.S. military, Abdul became a target for the Taliban. He and his family were granted Special Immigrant Visas by the U.S. State Department in 2014 and arrived in Cleveland as strangers. Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services helped them apply for citizenship and a green card. They helped again in 2021, orchestrating the process of reuniting them with Abdul's youngest daughter, who remained in Afghanistan.

"We didn't know where to go and were scared for my sister," says Bihieshta, Abdul's oldest daughter. "Catholic Charities acted quickly during an emergency. We hope they can help other Afghan families in need."

"We couldn't be here without Catholic Charities. They are so good and help people in need. We are so grateful."

ABDUL, MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

Please Give Generously!

By making a gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal, you will **Be the Light** for people throughout Northeast Ohio who turn to Catholic Charities in their time of need.

Your financial support provides the means for Catholic Charities to continue their vital mission here in the eight-county Diocese of Cleveland, supporting more than 400,000 people each year with life-saving programs and services from 60 locations.

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