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LIVE
MAY 14TH | 12PM

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COURAGE & COMMITMENT CHALLENGE EDITION

Dear Friends,

During these unprecedented times our community has come together in miraculous ways. We are experiencing this firsthand through supporters who have donated food to our fragile seniors, as well as diapers, wipes and formula to our families in need, and with our volunteers who provide comfort and companionship by calling isolated residents in our housing properties.

At this time of the year, I am usually sharing exciting news about the annual Catholic Charities Gala and the importance of this fundraiser to our work. The Gala ensures that we can sustain our life-saving programs for the most vulnerable members of our community throughout eastern Washington. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, it is with great sadness that we have decided to cancel the Gala this year.

While we wish we were celebrating with each and every one of you in person at the Davenport Grand, we know that is not an option this year. Instead, we are announcing our **Courage & Commitment Challenge**. Now, more than ever, our clients need your support! During these difficult times our clients need the courage to heal, and we must make a commitment to be there for them. Proceeds from the Courage & Commitment Challenge will sustain our vital programs for the poor and vulnerable throughout the COVID-19 crisis and its aftermath.

There are many ways that you can join this challenge! We ask that you please make a donation today to our Courage & Commitment Challenge online at www.cceasternwa.org/donate. You also can become a Shopping Angel or simply pray for us and those in need. We appreciate all forms of support!

The poor and vulnerable are being hit hardest by this global pandemic, and Catholic Charities intends to remain here for them. We will not shy away from this fight. We are safely equipping our staff and building our organization to stand with the poor and vulnerable in this time of great need for them and for us all. We will get through this together. Please join our Courage & Commitment Challenge today.

God bless you.



Rob McCann
President & CEO
Catholic Charities Eastern Washington

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We are essential care providers and will continue to serve our community throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

So far, we have...

Provided breakfast, lunch, dinner, and day services, as well as priests on duty in the chapel at the House of Charity (HOC) every night for residents who wanted to talk, pray or receive Sacraments, (special thanks to Fr. Dan Barnett, Rector of Bishop White Seminary and Fr. Bryan Pham, SJ), plus a sleeping program for individuals experiencing homelessness at the HOC.

Created two pop-up shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness and a third for families experiencing homelessness.

Started COVID-19 testing at the HOC medical clinic to help prevent the disease from spreading within the homeless population in downtown Spokane.

Activated specialized infectious disease isolation dorms with showers that we built into our new housing complexes.

Filled over 20,000 bagged meals for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our shelters.

Launched the "Friendly Chat" program, matching volunteer callers who check in on all senior residents across 1300+ apartment units and deliver food and emergency items.



Provided essential childcare to first responders, medical and CCEW staff at St. Anne's Children & Family Center.

Opened Schweitzer Haven, a 50-unit permanent supportive housing complex for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Provided online streaming parenting classes and emergency supplies, including diapers, formula, hygiene products and baby items, through our Childbirth and Parenting Assistance Program.

Continued meeting the needs of clients with counselors who are using new teleconferencing and video therapy sessions.

Delivered fresh food and non-perishable items to our seniors, families, and individuals experiencing homelessness with generous community food donations through our "Shopping Angels" program.

Delivered trucks loaded with food to Tonasket/Omak areas for underserved populations, like farm workers and their families.





Courage AND COMMITMENT CHALLENGE LIVE

Thursday, May 14th | 12pm

**Please join us via Zoom on Thursday, May 14th at 12pm
for the Courage and Commitment Challenge LIVE!**

At this time of the year, we are usually bursting with excitement to celebrate with you at the Davenport Grand for our annual Catholic Charities Gala, our biggest fundraising event of the year. It is with great sadness that we have made the decision to cancel the in-person event due to COVID-19.

Throughout this crisis, Catholic Charities has adapted our programs to ensure we can continue to serve the poor and vulnerable in our community.

The Gala is no different. This year we have pivoted our fundraising efforts from the Gala to the Courage and Commitment Challenge LIVE!

Visit our website at
www.cceasternwa.org/cc-live
to join the event or visit Zoom.com and
use the meeting code: **960-3463-3801**

Please contact
development@cceasternwa.org
with any questions!

We can't wait to see you!

How you can help!



Make a donation today to our Courage and Commitment Challenge. We will continue to serve the 63,000+ clients we engage with each year just as we always have. This effort is in your name and on your behalf, so you don't have to worry that they are being forgotten in these difficult times. But we need your help to do it! With your courage, we can continue our commitment to taking care of those in need all around us. We know that times are hard for all of us and we don't ask this lightly in these difficult days, but we must ask. We must ask you to make as significant a donation as you can so that we can continue our work right now and into the future, long after this virus is defeated. With your help, your love for the poor, and our ability to take care of them, we will never be defeated.

Help us fundraise! Reach out to your friends, coworkers, and family and help us fundraise! If you are interested, please email development@cceasternwa.org for more information.

Join us for an online event! You're invited to the Courage and Commitment LIVE event on Thursday, May 14th at 12pm. Visit our website at www.cceasternwa.org/cc-live for more information!

Become a Catholic Charities "Shopping Angel" and purchase an extra bag of non-perishable food for one of the thousands of isolated seniors we serve in our Housing and Senior Services programs. Donations can be left at the contactless delivery bin at our Family Services Center located at 12 E. 5th Avenue. Drop-offs can also be made at our locations in Colville, Pasco, Walla Walla, Othello and Pullman.

Keep your eyes and your hearts open for when we will re-open the many volunteer opportunities throughout the Catholic Charities world. We pray it will be soon!

As always, pray for us and for those in need. So many of our brothers and sisters living in poverty were struggling with chaos and uncertainty before this virus hit us. Now, they are struggling even more. Your prayers are an incredibly powerful way to be in solidarity with Catholic Charities and with the at-risk people we serve.

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If you have already made a donation to the
Courage & Commitment Challenge—we thank you!

Thank you to all of our amazing community supporters throughout this COVID-19 crisis! We could not do our work without you!



Providence Health Care's amazing food donation for our volunteers to create nearly 20,000 sack lunches.



650 donuts from Donut Parade donated to senior housing residents, St. Margaret's Shelter and Rising Strong families!



Bread donations from Great Harvest Spokane.



Ice cream donation from Ben & Jerry's Spokane.



Donated freezer truck to accommodate 20,000 prepared lunches at the House of Charity from Pacific Seafood and Rosauers.



Zip's on East Francis donated 240 hot meals to the House of Charity and families at Rising Strong.

Volunteer from home now!

Most volunteer operations have been suspended due to COVID-19. We can't wait to invite our more than 6,000 volunteers back once it is safe to do so. In the meantime, here are some ways the entire family can get involved from the safe social distance of your home:

All donations and letters can be dropped at our contactless bin located at our Family Services Center at 12 E. 5th Ave. in Spokane.

Creative Caretaking

Do you love to create things with your hands? We could use your help! Please see below!

- Hats, gloves, and scarves to hand out this coming winter
- Tie blankets or quilts for the homeless

Letters of Love, Support or Thanks

A letter of hope can make a huge impact on our clients!

Love: Write a letter of love to one of our seniors living in isolation

Support: Write a letter of support to a parent or a child who may be missing school, work, family, friends at this time

Thanks: Write a letter of thanks to one of our Catholic Charities Heroes (staff) who continue to ensure we can provide life-sustaining programs to our clients in need

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Fr. Luta Nsubuga, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Tonasket, called in late March with an urgent request for help with food for the small communities of north Okanogan County. While many of those who work in agriculture and orchards in the area are still on their jobs, the small community food banks struggle to keep up with increased demand. On top of that, many members of the community are undocumented and are not eligible to receive some of the governmental benefits that most citizens can expect. Yet, because they labor in food production, they are deemed essential workers. Fr. Luta, along with a parish family, greeted our cargo van loaded with shelf-stable foods and diapers. All helped to unload and then repack the contributions into family-ready boxes for distribution. We're so grateful for the partnership with community parishes.