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Dear friends,

These past 18 months have been extraordinary times. Extraordinary times often call for extraordinary action. The courage and commitment that our programs have shown in serving those in need when the chips are stacked against us has been extraordinary. The support we have received from all of you throughout the community has also been extraordinary. Through your support during the pandemic, our staff, our volunteers and all of you have revealed to us an amazing truth: extraordinary times call for extraordinary love.

The love, prayer and support we have experienced has been our buoy in a storm that is still leaving its mark. By this time, we thought COVID would be an unsightly memory in our rear-view mirror that we have longed to forget. But, unfortunately, COVID and its lasting impacts remain visible throughout our community. Our hospitals still have COVID units, families and individuals are experiencing homelessness due to unpaid rent throughout the pandemic, and our clients who were suffering before the pandemic are suffering even more today. COVID has created obstacles to so many of our relationships in so many ways. But thanks to you, we have been able to overcome them all. Thanks to your extraordinary love, we have fought through these extraordinary times.

With your help and extraordinary love, we can make a difference right now to push through these challenging times and finally help our brothers and sisters come out of the tunnel we have all been trapped in by the pandemic.

Last year, Catholic Charities served over 74,000 people. We continued our sleeping and respite program, meal services, and case management at House of Charity; taught virtual parenting classes through our Childbirth and Parenting Assistance program; provided rental relief; and kept families housed through our Rapid Rehousing program. Our Case Managers supported residents with wraparound supportive services to our 1,400 affordable housing units throughout Eastern Washington. When residents move into our properties, we surround them with mental health and substance use disorder counseling, peer mentoring, supportive employment, and many more to ensure they continue on their path toward wellness and stability.

In the spring of 2021, we broke ground on Gonzaga Family Haven. This collaborative partnership between Catholic Charities, Gonzaga University, Gonzaga Preparatory School, and St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish will provide forever homes to 73 families experiencing homelessness. Long-term student volunteers from Gonzaga University and Gonzaga Preparatory School will be embedded onsite to provide incredible support through these amazing local programs. With projects like Gonzaga Family Haven, Catholic Charities is swimming further upstream to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty and create hope for a brighter future for all of our residents and their families.

Your support of the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection is truly life-changing. Because of you, we can continue building affordable housing for families and people who need it most. We can help keep people in their homes, and we can serve women, children, families, immigrants, the disabled, the homeless and seniors. Thanks to your extraordinary love, we can continue to reveal extraordinary love to the poor and vulnerable.

Please consider matching these extraordinary times with extraordinary generosity. Please consider donating to the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection today.

Thank you, and may God Bless you!

Merry Christmas,

Rob McCann
President & CEO
Catholic Charities Eastern Washington

The annual Christmas Collection is Catholic Charities’ largest fundraising initiative, helping sustain and operate 16 programs that serve more than 74,000 people each year. We are humbled to serve all people in need regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion throughout the Diocese of Spokane.

All proceeds from the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection stay in Eastern Washington to serve local individuals and families. We are a 100% self-sustaining Catholic Charities agency. We do not receive any guaranteed annual financial budgetary support from the Diocese of Spokane, Catholic Charities USA, or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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