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MEDIA ALERT

Facing double, triple the need of services during COVID-19,
Rotary Club San Jose donates 1st responder van to Catholic Charities
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dedication

Who: Greg Kepferle, Catholic Charities CEO;
Karyn Sinunu-Towery, Rotary Club of San Jose and Rotary Foundation Past President;
Fernando Zazueta, Rotary Club of San Jose Current President

What: Rotary Club of San Jose responded to Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSCC) increasing need to provide more services to more people with food, housing, medical, and job assistance during the Pandemic. “This was truly a team effort,” explained Rotary’s immediate past president Karyn Sinunu-Towery. “It took a club of Rotarians - not just members - to make this exciting project a reality.” Committed to service in our community, San Jose Rotarians have volunteered more than 3,000,000 hours of community service and have given more than $5 million in direct grants to over 100 community organizations. This van will help meet increased demand in services and create ways to provide services that might not be available due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

When: Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 10:15 a.m.
10:15am -10:25am - Ribbon Cutting and photo’s (with proper 6’ separation)
10:25am - 10:40am - Opening Remarks and Speakers
10:40am - 10:45am - Closing Remarks and Q & A

Where: John XXIII 195 E. San Fernando St., San Jose, 95 (behind City Hall)

Background: Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSCC), a disaster first-responder, is covering the gaps that many other non-profits are experiencing because their volunteers are sheltering in place as they are 60+ years old. The demand is increasing week-over-week with not only more people needing food, but also living in locations with previously low demand for these basic services. CCSCC has pivoted staff and resources to meet these demands of the community and of our fellow non-profits to provide emergency support services. CCSCC hopes this van is the flagship to our fleet of vehicles and trailers that will enable Catholic Charities to deploy to any part of the community, including non-emergency times for mental health, senior services, community fairs and special community needs.

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