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MEDIA ADVISORY

Not Forgetting the Homeless Amid Pandemic Environment

Catholic Charities and other partners create a Social Distance Health Check-Ins

Who:  Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, Order of Malta, Zanotto’s, and Catholic Charities John XXIII Gardner Healthcare Clinic

What:  
*Grab n Go: Safe and Wellness Check-in for Homeless.* In an effort to keep the homeless healthy while staying COVID-19 safe, Catholic Charities and their partners will have an opportunity for the homeless to get FREE COVID-19 tests, Flu shots and pick up curbside toiletries provided by the Order of Malta and fresh Zanotto’s sandwiches given out at The Window.

When:  Friday, October 23, 2020, 9:00am-11:00am

Where:  John XXIII Multi Services Center at 195 E. San Fernando St, San Jose, CA 95112

Background:  As COVID-19 continues to require social distancing with no large group gatherings, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, the largest social services nonprofit in Santa Clara County continues to work with the homeless to try to keep them safe and healthy by providing support services and health check-ins.

Interviews:  Sharon Miller, BSN, Director, Cathedral Social Ministries, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

About Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County:

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSCC), is the largest social services agency in Santa Clara County and was named the Silicon Valley Organization’s Nonprofit of the Year in 2018. As COVID-19 hit Santa Clara County, CCSCC reacted immediately to increase total food distribution outreach. In previous years, we served 40,000 individuals annually. From March to July 2020 service has increased more than 10x as we have served 130,928 households with enough food for 4.1 million meals and 499,987 individuals served. In addition, CCSCC launched a $6.5 million in rental assistance programs that are available to individuals or families who are behind on rental payments due to loss of income related to COVID-19 thus protecting renters from homelessness and landlords from revenue losses. CCSCC creates pathways for the community to provide hope, dignity and opportunity

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