Welcome back, Leslie!

Catholic Charities is working as hard as ever to continue to meet the needs of individuals in our community. We continue to find new ways to make our services more accessible and effective every day. Read on to learn more about how we continue to serve our community!

![Girl Power Logo](https://mailchi.mp/14a11c27e087/january-updates-from-catholic-charities-1391246?e=347344e38f)

**Girl Power Club Continues Online**

Our Girl Power virtual club is going strong with in the Center for Refugee Support! The 15 club participants learn leadership skills and share experiences with other young women whose families came to the United States as refugees. One participant writes of her experience:

“Girl Power made me someone new that knows what it is to learn what you think you can't learn, or do what you think you can't do. I'm so grateful to [Program Manager] Sarah because she is the one who guide[s] me… so thank you so much Sarah and the people you work with.”

Many thanks to New Mexico Women and our volunteers for their generous support that makes this program possible. To learn more about our Center for Refugee Support, visit [www.ccasfnm.org/refugeesupport](http://www.ccasfnm.org/refugeesupport).
KOB 4 Delivers Lunch to “Pay it 4Ward”

Catholic Charities staff got a special surprise last Friday when the KOB 4 News team stopped by our Casa de Corazon with lunch from Padilla’s Mexican Kitchen as part of their ‘Pay it 4Ward’ initiative!

To watch the KOB News clip spotlighting Catholic Charities, visit https://www.kob.com/albuquerque-community/padillas-mexican-kitchen-helps-kob-4-pay-it-4ward-to-catholic-charities/5998240/ or click the picture below!
Last month, we welcomed our new Board of Directors with a virtual event blessing their service and the work of our Board in the coming year. Archbishop John C. Wester joined us for the event, offering the following blessing:

“Gracious God, I especially thank you for the gift of our Catholic Charities staff and board members, those outgoing and those incoming. I ask you to bless them and to reward them for their efforts, and to stay close to them with your grace and benediction, and watch over them and their families. We pray for all those people that we serve, so many of them who are in the shadows, who often do not have a voice of their own, who depend on us to advocate for them and assist them, to not so much give them a hand out but a hand up. And we pray, Lord, that in doing this we will remember that we are living out the gospel, and your mandate to love one another as he first loved us.”

We welcome our incoming Board members: Charles Ashley III, Kathleen Gallegos, Ashlee Wright, and Charles Archuleta. To learn more about our Board of Directors, visit www.ccasfnm.org/board.

If you like what we’re doing, support our work by making your generous, tax-deductible donation today.

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