



# The Catalyst

The Newsletter for  
Catholic Charities  
of Santa Barbara County

Fall 2012

## Helping To Reduce Hunger & Homelessness

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

### NO 'FOOD INSECURITY' IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

#### Community Service Centers



Frank Bogнар  
Regional Director

is this: "There should be no such thing as food insecurity in Santa Barbara County!" – not in 2013, not if we can help it! Consider this: in 2011-2012 eighty one percent of the families and individuals Catholic Charities served throughout the County experienced "food insecurity"! Is it not mind boggling that this could happen in Santa Barbara County?

in a position to do something substantial about it. This past year our community centers provided food, rental and utility assistance to 16,185 families. Our community centers served over 37,000 unduplicated clients and provided over 170,000 services to clients, which provided a welcome relief to a suffering county-wide community.

that our three boards raise from October 15th through December 31st 2012. This means that every dollar you donate will be matched by the benefactors' dollar and that doubles the help we can provide families! A \$50 donation becomes \$100; \$500 becomes \$1,000.

Early on the sunny Saturday morning of September 22th, 2012, representatives from the Catholic Charities' Advisory Boards of Santa Barbara, Lompoc and Santa Maria, came together to organize this year's Silent Angel Match Campaign. What brought them together was that they shared a common belief. The belief

We can't do everything to help families through this terrible recession, but we can help to make sure that no parent is tossing and turning at night, wondering if the family will have food the next day. The good news is that we are

Now, once again, generous anonymous benefactors, who truly are the Silent Angels, are committed to helping families get through this recession. They have stepped forward with a commitment to match dollar-for-dollar all

If you are interested in helping families in our county who have lost jobs and homes, I invite you to read this issue of *The Catalyst* and visit our website [CatholicCharitiesSB.org](http://CatholicCharitiesSB.org) to assure that there will be no food insecurity – not in Santa Barbara County, not in 2013.

941 Walnut St.  
Carpinteria, CA 93013  
805-684-8621

903 E. Chestnut  
Lompoc, CA 93436  
805-736-6226

609 E. Haley St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103  
805-965-7045

607 W. Main St.  
Santa Maria, CA 93454  
805-922-2059

#### Mobile Food Distribution Sites

4681 11th St.  
Guadalupe, CA 93434  
805-922-2059

6647 El Colegio Road  
Isla Vista, CA 93117  
805-965-7045

4711 Hwy. 166  
New Cuyama, CA 93254  
805-922-2059

Benjamin Foxen Elementary School  
4949 Foxen Canyon Road  
Sisquoc, CA 93454  
805-922-2059

#### Thrifty Shoppers

[thriftyshopper.org](http://thriftyshopper.org)

609 E. Haley St.  
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805-966-9659

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Santa Maria, CA 93454  
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*Holiday Blessings to All*



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at [thriftyshopper.org](http://thriftyshopper.org)

## A LONG TIME COMING

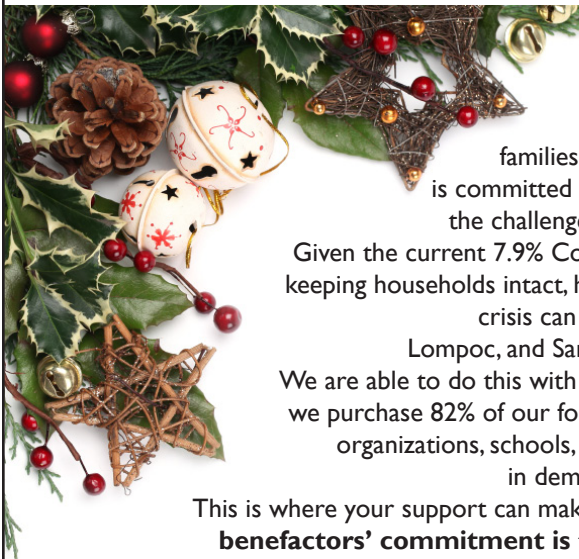
In a move that solidifies its future presence in the community, Catholic Charities Lompoc has relocated its operations to 325 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. New building and site features include: a doubling of interior working space, real food storage capacity (thus eliminating every other day trips to the Santa Maria FoodBank — a real cost savings in time and travel), and more room for both greater food product selection and display, and capability now to add critical non-food items (infant formula, diapers). The new location offers a user-friendly shopping experience and off-street parking.

The Lompoc Advisory Board and staff orchestrated the entire project over 6 weeks (end-July and all of August) and we have a wonderfully long list of people to thank – those that have donated their special skills and time – to assure that we completed the relocation on time and without any major disruption of services for our client families. Valley Rock (Mike Cummings), Innovative Electric (Bill Cully), Traditional Paint & Coating (Chris and Susan Ruhl), and more in-kind contributions from North Star Penguins who moved the contents from East Chestnut to the new site, Tony Ochoa and Son (for the installation of new carpeting), Keith Blocker for the new security windows, Intwani Nameh for installation of security cameras and a small refrigerator.

The Santa Barbara Foundation's Express Grant provided funding to cover the cost of re-installing the Food Pantry's huge walk-in cooler, and the Home Depot Foundation Grant that covered new shelving for the Food Pantry. Our new landlord, Gary Wilson, has made possible a very favorable, long-term lease commitment negotiated with Board Member Joe Burnett.

Come tour and celebrate with us:

**LOMPOC COMMUNITY SERVICE/FOOD PANTRY RELOCATION**  
**Open House: Thursday, October 25 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**



## *Silent Angel Match Campaign 2012*

As the issue of 'food insecurity' continues to affect more than 80% of the families and individuals we serve throughout Santa Barbara County, Catholic Charities is committed to effectively address the impact of county-wide poverty levels and, specifically, the challenges of providing a consistent flow of supplemental and nutritious food products. Given the current 7.9% County unemployment rate (but higher than 17.3% in many of our communities), keeping households intact, healthy and less stressed is our overarching goal. Local neighbors in economic crisis can access food distribution from food pantries sites in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria, and mobile food deliveries to Guadalupe, New Cuyama, and Sisquoc. We are able to do this with the most generous help of our caring partners, the county's FoodBank (where we purchase 82% of our food pantries product), the critical donations from local grocery stores, and civic organizations, schools, and the faith communities. Catholic Charities anticipates no significant change in demand for these services in 2013. Over 37,000 persons, again, will need our help.

This is where your support can make a huge difference - by **effectively doubling the impact of our generous benefactors' commitment is to match dollar-for-dollar all donations made by December 31, 2012.**

This is the only direct appeal we are making this year and your consideration is greatly appreciated.

**Donate online: [CatholicCharitiesSB.org](http://CatholicCharitiesSB.org)**

MORE FOOD HELP FROM OUR GOOD FRIENDS



**The Food Drive Crew**

Photo courtesy of Bishop Diego HS

Catholic Charities has enjoyed a long running partnering with Bishop Diego High School and their most recent September 'food drive', conducted by 16 students under the direction of Stacey Carr and Rachel Mazo and Bishop's Office of Advancement, collected an all-time high 4,050 pounds of much needed staples to move directly onto our Pantry shelves. Wow – way to go kids!

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

The upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (October 16<sup>th</sup>) being held at The Santa Barbara Mission will acknowledge all Food Pantry volunteers working in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara and the weekly mobile food distribution in Isla Vista for their dedicated service. Some 48 individuals will be honored on the night and awarded our heartfelt collective thank-you from our staff and the over 890 persons currently being served weekly from these three sites.

And – we also want to recognize the continuing support from our local grocery stores: Albertsons and Vons in Carpinteria, Our Daily Bread, Trader Joe's Milpas, and Gelson's here in Santa Barbara. With their consistent and generous donations we are able to move to a healthier offering of fresh produce and nutritious foods. The Community Kitchen has been providing us weekly with any excess perishables, as has the Monastery of Poor Clares – direct from its on-site garden.

A shout-out special thanks to these companies and organizations for their ongoing commitment to help Catholic Charities help our client families in reducing hunger in our communities!





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Central Coast United Way

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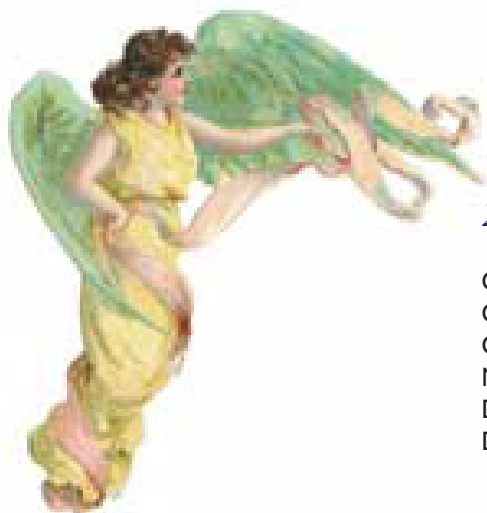
## Silent Angel Match Campaign 2012

October 15, 2012 — December 31, 2012

This is our only direct appeal for the entire year.  
We anticipate that over 37,000 persons will ask for our help –  
and we have made our commitment.

*Your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar!*

Donate online:  
**CatholicCharitiesSB.org**



2012

October 15  
October 20  
October 20  
November  
December 1  
December 31

*Dates you don't want to miss!*

Silent Angel Match Campaign Opens  
Zombie Walk for Food  
Thrifty Shopper 3rd Annual Fall Fashion Show  
Holiday Turkey Drives  
Mistletoe Ball  
Silent Angel Match Campaign Closes

2012

Region-wide  
Lompoc  
Santa Maria  
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Santa Barbara  
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For more information, please call your local office listed on page one.