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Rebuilding Lives for Today & Tomorrow

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To ABC News:

Re: Pope Francis & the People:

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On August 31, 2015, staff and clients of Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children, a Program of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. were blessed with the opportunity to participate in a virtual audience with His Holiness, Pope Francis. What a truly momentous occasion for all of us that participated, especially Rosemary and her girls. This family had experienced a multitude of struggles and hardships before arriving at our shelter. We were able to help them get back on their feet and move back into their own apartment, but that is where a whole new set of worries can set in. Being able to speak directly with Pope Francis and hear his words of encouragement was so impactful in giving Rosemary the confidence and motivation to keep fighting for her family and their new home.

Homeless women and families can often feel forgotten or neglected. On that fateful morning, our clients experienced the Pope encouraging someone who had just gone through the program that they are in. The message that was shared with Rosemary resonated with all of them. Everyone left the event filled with a new sense of hope and a renewed energy to show what they are capable of.

This was truly an event that changed lives. Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children is extremely grateful to have been a part of it.

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- Rev. Msgr. Gregory A. Cox
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Thank you,

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