



Catholic Social Services is committed to helping all in need to navigate these uncertain times. Your prayers and donations have been incredibly helpful during the pandemic, and we are very grateful! The following stories are true examples of how your support *provides help* and *creates hope* for those who are suffering most.

This work cannot continue without you. Please consider making a gift during this changing season. Together, we can make these hard times easier for everyone. Thank you.

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Filling backpacks for those in need



“My car was so loaded with backpacks the other day that I couldn't see out the back window,” said Ann Hyjurick, Co-Coordinator of Mary's Cupboard.

Mary's Cupboard, an emergency food assistance site located at Bucks County Family Service Center, is filling donated backpacks with clothing and food essentials. Thanks to your generous donations, over 700 people and families in need will receive a backpack. These backpacks will be distributed to veterans and people experiencing homelessness throughout the Bucks County and Philadelphia areas.

Since 1976, your donations to Mary's Cupboard have served 86,000 individuals by providing clients access to job search assistance, nutritional education, pregnancy and parenting support, and counseling. Your support of CSS and our Family Service Centers funds these amazing programs. We couldn't do it without you.

[Click here to read more about Mary's Cupboard and their backpack distribution.](#)

Recovery walk participants find hope in every step



"We bond together. Recovery is hard, and this is a way to know you're not alone," said Marcey Canalichio, a Certified Care Specialist at Mercy Hospice.

15 residents of Mercy Hospice and Women of Hope partnered for a walk through Center City on September 22. They joined thousands of others around the country walking during September's National Recovery Month.

Mercy Hospice is a sanctuary for women who are overcoming substance abuse, while also providing shelter, case management, and life skills. For these women, your donations are crucial in their path to recovery. CSS's two Women of Hope facilities provide similar services for females experiencing mental illness, which have been shown to correlate significantly with substance abuse.

We are incredibly thankful for your support. These women would not be able to walk without you.

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Your donations make the work of Catholic Social Services programs possible. Please give today to help transform the lives of thousands of people. Together we will continue *providing help* and *creating hope!*

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