November 18, 2022

Dear Harvest of Hope Attendee:

Thank you for attending the 20th annual Harvest of Hope last Thursday night! Social media has been abuzz with awesome posts about the evening and our terrific honorees. We thank Diane and Don Shaver and musical guest, Tracy Byrd, who reminded all why he is a Country Music Legend!

We also thank you for attending and for supporting the mission and programs of Catholic Charities. Fortunately, we were able to provide a few of the meaningful impacts these programs make in our community. To support those efforts, we instituted the Call to Heart giving opportunity of our live auction. Despite good intentions from the heart, our Call to Heart giving opportunity fell a little flat, including our ability to cover the room quickly enough to record all the pledges! Therefore, we wanted to give everyone the benefit of having more information about the programs and the impact even a small donation can make to each one in a concrete way.

A donation of $2,500 could cover:
- 1,250 meals at our Hospitality Center. The Hospitality Center is our soup kitchen located on Gulfway Drive in Port Arthur where a hot meal is served every day of the year! In our last fiscal year, the Hospitality Center served 42,917 meals.
- One week of food supplies for Market to HOPE (Help Other People Eat). The Market serves an estimated 275 families a week.

A donation of $1,000 could cover:
- Materials and supplies for financial and homebuyer education classes for the Asset Building Case Management (ABC) Program 100 participants.
- Financial assistance for rent and utilities for a family facing eviction or service disconnection.

A donation of $500 could cover:
- One night of service for families coming for the Elijah’s Place grief support groups.

A donation of $250 could:
- Subsidize five sessions for mental health counseling.

To donate, please click on the Call to Heart link through our website, www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org, and follow the prompts. All donations are tax-deductible, and the funds will stay here in Southeast Texas to assist our own friends and neighbors!

Thank you and we hope each of you has a Happy Thanksgiving!

Michele & Mitch Smith  
Event Co-Chairs

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