



# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DALLAS

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### **In the Spirit of the Christmas Season, Catholic Charities Brings Joy, Support to Local Families in Need**

Catholic Diocese of Dallas Bishop Kevin J. Farrell presents \$2.1 million check to Catholic Charities from Diocese's capital campaign

(DALLAS) December 13, 2014 – The Catholic Diocese of Dallas made the first major distribution from its \$125 million *Our Faith...Our Future* Capital Campaign with a \$2.1 million gift to Catholic Charities of Dallas. The gift was announced Saturday, December 13, 2014, at an annual holiday celebration held at Santa Clara Regional Community Center in Dallas. Bishop Kevin J. Farrell made a formal check presentation to the Catholic Charities President and CEO Arne Nelson to fund programs and services at the Santa Clara Regional Community Center.

Following the check presentation, Bishop Farrell donned a Santa cap and joined more than 50 volunteers, including the Lady Friars Basketball team from Bishop Lynch High School, in handing out Christmas gifts of toys, clothing and small appliances to local families in need. Throughout the day, hundreds of families picked up gift bundles specifically for their families donated by Catholic schools, churches and other donors in the Diocese of Dallas.

“This is a blessed day of giving and celebration,” said Bishop Farrell. “Santa Clara is a vital resource for this community and a shining star in Catholic Charities’ outreach to and support of our region’s most vulnerable people.”

Catholic Charities provides critical social services to tens of thousands of people in the diocese’s nine-county operating area. Its core mission areas include strengthening families, alleviating hunger, preventing homelessness and welcoming the stranger through education, employment and family services, immigration and legal services, refugee services, and regional community centers.

Based in West Dallas, the Santa Clara Regional Community Center is a center of excellence that brings together children and their parents, teens, adults and seniors in a safe and enriching place for education, wellness, athletics and socializing. In addition to after-school and summer camp programs, the center offers tutoring, computer education, leadership activities and sports and recreation for youth and teens, and fitness, health, nutrition, education and enrichment services for adults and seniors.

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