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CATHOLIC CHARITIES KICKS OFF SIGNATURE LENTEN CAMPAIGNS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND ASSIST OTHERS

WHO: Catholic Charities

WHAT: 40 Cans for Lent and 40 Days of Service Kickoff

WHERE: Guadalupe Community Center
1801 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.

WHEN: Thursday, March 7th at 1:00pm

Catholic Charities will kick off the 40 Cans for Lent and 40 Days of Service to engage the community in a non-denominational effort to feed the hungry and strengthen the most vulnerable during Lent March 7th-April 20th. 40 Cans for Lent aims to collect 100,000 pounds of food to feed all people regardless of race, religion, or national origin through Catholic Charities Food Pantries and the Mobile Food Pantry. 40 Days of Service plans to engage the community to serve others by preparing for crisis response, providing humanitarian aid, mentoring and tutoring youth, visiting isolated seniors, and much more.

The Kickoff Event expects 300 community leaders, partners, university, elementary, and high school students, Catholic clergy and parishioners, businesses, and others as the community unites to fight hunger and encounter those in need. Bill Taylor from KENS 5 will emcee the event with remarks expected from Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller MSpS, Bishop Michael Joseph Boulette, and Catholic Charities President/CEO, J. Antonio Fernandez with additional comments by partners HEB and RK Group.

Individuals and organizations interested in participating in 40 Cans for Lent by hosting a food drive can contact Tom Hoog at thomas.hoog@ccaosa.org to request a collection bin. Individuals and organizations interested in participating in 40 Days of Service by volunteering can visit our webpage at www.ccaosa.org/40daysofservice.

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About Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc.

Catholic Charities is the largest Catholic social service agency in San Antonio. Our mission is to provide for the needs of our community through selfless service under the sign of love. In 2018, Catholic Charities served over 254,000 people through a network of over 40 programs that include basic needs, family and children services, legal services, refugee resettlement, counseling, pregnant and parenting education, and senior services with the goals of strengthening the vulnerable, preserving family values, and promoting self-sufficiency.