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Victims of San Jose Flood To Receive Aid From Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County *Agency Will Provide Mid- to Long-term Services to Help People In Need*

SAN JOSE, CA – February 24, 2017 – To assist with San Jose Flood disaster recovery, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County will be providing victims with assessment of mid-term to long-term needs and resources; accurate information and referral to other services; professional advice and advocacy to resolve unmet needs; and counseling and support to address stress, grief, and other mental health needs. Services will be provided in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Other languages are available as needed.

In addition to providing social services and advocacy, Catholic Charities is the Catholic Church's disaster response agency. Locally, we are a member of CADRE, which is the network of voluntary organizations active in a disaster (VOAD). Our role with CADRE is to lead the long-term case management response after the floods.

“Our hearts go out to our community affected by the flood,” said Gregory R. Kepferle, CEO of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. “Some of the flood victims include our clients and students, as well as many low-income residents. We will be doing everything we can to help our community get the help they need to heal and recover from this hardship.”

The agency serves people of all cultures and beliefs. Services are available to people of all backgrounds regardless of faith, legal status, race or nationality, age, disability, gender or sexual orientation.

Support will be provided at the multiagency disaster assistance centers and will continue at two of Catholic Charities’ San Jose service centers—2625 Zanker Road and John XXIII Multiservice Center at 195 E. San Fernando Street.

Currently, the agency needs funds to assist flood victims and volunteers who are willing to provide case management assessment, information and referral, counseling, and guidance to victims displaced by the flood.

For more information, please call us toll-free at 866-305-0617 or email disasterrelief@catholiccharitiesscc.org.



*CEO Gregory R. Kepferle is available for interviews.

About Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County has worked to strengthen families and build economic self-reliance for the poor and vulnerable in the county for 61 years. Each year, more than 500 employees and 1,000 volunteers serve more than 40,000 individuals of all cultures and beliefs through 40 programs in more than 100 sites. Program areas include behavioral health, youth and family services, economic development, employment, financial education, housing, immigration legal services, in-home and long-term care, older adult services, refugee resettlement, refugee foster care, and more. Catholic Charities is working to reduce poverty with social change goals that target the alleviation, prevention, and reduction of poverty in our communities.

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