



# Voices of Hope

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## Mitty Students Stand in Solidarity Through One World Cup

**O**n the morning of May 6, Archbishop Mitty High School students and refugee youth huddled up on the school soccer field for One World Cup 2017. The teams proceeded to walk hand-in-hand across the field before an audience of over 100 community members in a display of unity, welcome, and solidarity with refugee youth living in the community.

The One World Cup soccer game was organized as a partnership between Archbishop Mitty High School and the Refugee Foster Care program at Catholic Charities to celebrate and welcome refugee foster youth who had been resettled in the Bay Area. Recognizing soccer as a worldwide language that could bring people together, Mitty students hosted and organized the community event. The event drew over 50 participants, including refugee foster youth living across the Bay, from Gilroy to San Francisco.

Kicking off the game with a series of stories told by refugee athletes, Cheol Ryu, 22, stepped up to share his own story of resettlement.

Ryu was forced to work in a North Korean coal mine when he was 14 as punishment for a brief escape to China. He made another harrowing escape when he was 17. With the help of kind strangers and a Christian missionary, he eventually made his way to a United Nations refugee camp in Thailand. Ryu arrived in the U.S. in 2012. Through Refugee Foster Care, Ryu rebuilt his life in the U.S. and is now a software engineering student at Coding Dojo Silicon Valley.

“Helping one refugee and giving them hope and a future will make the world a better place to live,” said Ryu. “If it weren’t for Catholic Charities, I wouldn’t be here today.”

One World Cup began as an idea after Mitty High students were inspired to rise to action to fight **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7**

## Youth Learn Through Soccer Enrichment at CORAL Summer Camps

With a pair of scissors, Aldo and his classmates cut out pentagons from black construction paper to form a soccer ball. They answer questions on who their favorite soccer player is along the blank sections of the cut-out. During a separate reading activity, the students study the “anatomy” of the book *Mia Hamm Never Quit*, examining parts of the text like the title, illustrations, title page, and dedication. Together, the class discusses who Mia Hamm is, read the book, and talk about when they have ever felt like they wanted to quit like Mia had wanted to quit soccer. They later go outside for a soccer bowling activity, keeping their own scores as they take turns kicking the ball at a set of cones to knock them down like bowling pins.

Aldo and his classmates participated in summer soccer programming through Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning (CORAL). CORAL is an expanded learning program of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara that is designed to engaged youth via balanced literacy that teaches fundamentals of literacy aligned with the common core, “Moves” lessons with a physical activity twist, homework assistance, hands-on activities, and enrichment. The goal of the program is to help young scholars achieve progress in literacy, while still obtaining a strong foundation of developmental skills. The program engages youth across various districts, including Franklin McKinley School District, San Jose Unified School District, and multiple charter schools, with five camps serving elementary **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7**

### UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Your Help Is Their Hope



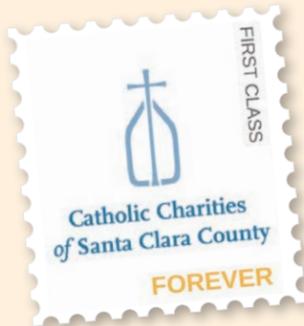
On behalf of the thousands of individuals and families struggling to make better lives for themselves and their families, we THANK YOU for supporting the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal!

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## Message From the CEO GREG KEPFERLE

Dear Friends,

The other day I heard a story of a client who survived the Coyote Creek flood, who said this was the third time he was rescued by the Catholic Church. First as a child in Vietnam in 1954 when the French fell, he and his family fled from North Vietnam to South Vietnam, where they were housed, clothed, and fed by the Catholic community. Second, when he fled Vietnam as a refugee in 1975, he was resettled by Catholic Charities in the U.S. Third, as a survivor of the Coyote Creek flood of 2017, once again Catholic Charities came to his rescue, providing housing and support.



You know those “Forever” stamps that keep their value over time? Catholic Charities is the “forever” place, where people will always be welcomed whatever their circumstance, no matter how many years later.

When so many people’s lives seem in such turmoil, it is comforting to know they will always have a place to go where they will be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. Catholic

Charities is like the inn and the innkeeper in the story of the Good Samaritan. We will always welcome the wounded, the desperate, the rejected, those who are poor or are in any way suffering from exclusion by society. We belong to them. Whether they are children or youth trying to develop new skills to break out of a cycle of generational poverty, or adults seeking to improve their lives with jobs, housing, and legal status, or seniors or people with disabilities seeking dignity, food, healing, and a sense of community, we will always be there for them.

Thank you to all of our donors, funders, investors, and volunteers who so generously contribute to our mission. We are forever grateful.

Blessings Always,  
Gregory Kepferle

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# A Birthday, a Family Social Enterprise, and the Making of a Saint



For his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday wish, Veronica Duluk’s father wanted his family to attend Mother Teresa’s canonization. Turns out, 17 family members joined together to celebrate both happy occasions. That is how Veronica, Vice President of the Board at Catholic Charities, ended up going to the Vatican and witnessing the making of Mother Teresa into a saint.

Duluk’s family ties to Saint Teresa go way back. Many years ago, her father and some friends met Saint Teresa through their work with Missionaries of Charity, the religious congregation she founded. Afterwards, the group of friends started the foundation Friends of the Poor, helping Missionaries of Charity with special projects in Mexico, Africa, and in a remote area of Guatemala called Tamahu.

Assisting the priests with their evangelization in Tamahu, Duluk’s father focused on the welfare of children and realized that the locals needed more help than the parish could provide. They needed early education and to see a doctor and a dentist. “You can’t have a Parish when the children are not healthy,” said Duluk. The children needed preschool education. In that area, young children speak a tribal Mayan dialect and begin school in first grade. As a result, they do not do well in school. Duluk continues, “You can’t have a Parish where the children cannot read.”



Duluk’s father invited Doctors Without Borders to Tamahu. The family also started programs to help with malnutrition and basic health, such as brushing teeth, washing hands, and using eyedrops. The foundation hired a part-time dentist to provide local pediatric dental care. Duluk’s father moved to Tamahu to coordinate all the services.

They started a Montessori preschool that was run by Sisters from Mexico. Members of the family would serve as hosts, organizers, fundraisers, translators, and be there to help out however they could. Mothers walked from neighboring villages to drop their toddlers off to the preschool. The family noticed that the mothers would then go to the market and most have no steady sources of income. So the family bought sewing machines and taught the women how to sew items people would buy. A family social enterprise was born. At least 200 women and their families benefited from this collaboration!

It’s been 10 years since Duluk and her family made it their mission to help out in Guatemala. From this experience, Duluk’s father ended up participating in Saint Teresa’s beatification mass as a lector, and later the extended family joined him at the canonization.

Duluk is the Strategic Planning Manager at Wells Fargo Bank, Investment & Fiduciary Services, San Francisco. She joined the Board at Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County’s five years ago.

“When doing all the work in Guatemala, I was just writing a check to Catholic Charities,” said Duluk. “One day the development officer asked me if I would like to do more and we decided that it would be a good match for me to join the Long-range Planning Committee and then the Board.”

“We live in a valley that’s full of ideas, innovation, and wealth. But there continues to be abject poverty. My hope is that more people join the voice for advocacy and use their talents to help Catholic Charities provide services for the people in our community that need them.”

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Trees – 19 fully grown  
Water – 8,504 gallons  
Energy – 12 million BTU  
Solid Waste – 914 pounds  
Greenhouse Gases – 2,030 pounds

## Father Jon G. Pedigo Appointed to Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Effective July 1, 2017, Bishop McGrath appointed Father Jon Pedigo to Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, where he has assumed the role of Director for Advocacy and Community Engagement. In doing so, Father Pedigo continues his work on behalf of projects for peace and justice, engaging parishes, and the wider community in this work.

This appointment will deepen the collaboration between Catholic Charities and the Diocese of San Jose, specifically the Witness efforts within the Department for Evangelization. It is hoped that it will result in greater awareness and increased efforts in the work of social justice in the Diocese of San Jose and Santa Clara County.

Through this partnership, parishes will be able to engage in the work of social service and social change more effectively and so have greater impact.

"I am grateful to Bishop McGrath for Father Pedigo's appointment to Catholic Charities," said Gregory R. Kepferle, CEO of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. "I am confident that Father Pedigo's leadership will help strengthen the Church's advocacy efforts, which is also an important strategic priority for our agency. His experience in our community will help us magnify our social service and social change efforts throughout the county. Welcome, Father Pedigo!"



To contact Father Pedigo, email [jpedito@catholiccharitiesscc.org](mailto:jpedito@catholiccharitiesscc.org).

## Behavioral Health Services Receives Exemplary Program Award from County of Santa Clara

Congratulations to Behavioral Health Services for receiving special recognition from the County of Santa Clara for exceptional performance in client engagement. The Golden Gateway program was chosen for the Exemplary Program Award by a committee of County Contract Monitors based on its performance in engagement over several months. Golden Gateway delivers community-based mobile outreach to older adults 60+ years old with undiagnosed depression and other mental health problems.

Part of the effectiveness of their engagement is tied to the MyWellBeing assessment pilot launched in partnership with SeniorGrowth, a San Francisco-based technology company specializing in the future of senior care. MyWellBeing is a service navigation app designed to help individuals receive aid from Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. Through this interactive platform, clients can respond to a few simple questions on immediate needs and be presented with a user-friendly list of CCSCC programs that might serve them. The app can also track the status of clients,



the help they have received, and their progress to help staff understand how to best serve program participants.

"This allows us to work with clients to identify areas in their life that they would like to improve," says Brady Umfleet, LCSW. Since July, Brady has served as the new Behavioral Health Division Director supporting Adult, Older Adult, as well as Children and Family Services. "We are able to tailor our assistance to the exact needs of clients as indicated when they self-report on MyWellBeing."

Behavioral Health Services ran a pilot of the app before the software was fully developed, thereby helping partners at SeniorGrowth to further develop MyWellBeing. Their goal is to make services more accessible to diverse, multilingual populations and better engage older adults in transforming their lives.

"I was excited and very proud of our team," says Brady, in response to the Golden Gateway team receiving the Exemplary Program Award. "It was recognition of how hard they work for their clients."

## Supportive Housing Services Receive All-Star Partners Award

Jacob was among many affordable housing advocates who made their way to Sacramento for Housing Lobby Day for Affordable Housing on March 8. The event, sponsored by the Northern CA Non-Profit Housing Association (NPH), Housing California, and the Residents United Network, provided a platform for advocates and residents like Jacob to highlight the importance of affordable housing in the Bay Area.

Although he had just completed a surgery and found it difficult to walk or breath, Jacob felt

that this was important. As a resident of Pensione Esperanza, one of the affordable apartment communities managed by Charities Housing Development Corporation, he had been homeless prior to receiving help from Supportive Housing Services at Catholic Charities. Now, he had the opportunity to help others who still needed an affordable place to call home.

"Even though he was recuperating from surgery, Jacob was very eloquent in talking with legislators at the Capitol and telling his personal story," says Consuelo Collard, program manager of Supportive Housing Services.

Jacob was nominated by Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County to represent the agency and receive an honor from NPH at Standing Together: The 21st Annual NPH Leadership Awards. The May 4 ceremony recognized the entire Supportive Resident Services cohort

in the Bay Area who are members of the Northern California Non-Profit Housing Association for their efforts in engaging residents of affordable apartment communities to advocate and vote in support of all the affordable housing measures in various jurisdictions in the last November election. For the first time, NPH honored organizations and individuals who engaged and empowered residents.

Catholic Charities and over 20 other organizations received the All-Star Partners Award for investing staff time and resources to engage residents through voter registration and education activities that uplifted a critical voting constituency in four affordable housing ballot measures—Yes on A (San Francisco 2015); Yes on A (Santa Clara County 2016); Yes on A1 (Alameda County 2016); Yes on K (San Mateo County 2016). All the measures passed thanks to the work of all-star partners like Jacob and Supportive Housing Services who drove the success of these measures throughout the Bay Area.



Catholic Charities' staff and clients join over 20 organizations in Sacramento for Lobby Day.

## Professor Pays it Forward for CORAL After-School Program

When Okeleke (Peter) Nzeogwu emerged from a Biafran refugee camp in eastern Nigeria, he was 16 years old and missed nearly three years of school. It was 1970. The Nigerian Civil War had just ended, leaving more than 3 million people dead and the country in shambles. His family, he says, was penniless.

Then Nzeogwu received his first scholarship. A European philanthropist had established a fund to educate refugee children, and Nzeogwu and his sister were among those chosen to receive his support. "Education was an escape out of poverty," Nzeogwu says. "Without scholarships, I don't think I would have gone far."

Nzeogwu finished his secondary education and, with another scholarship, one-year of college. An academically ambitious student, he



Okeleke (Peter) Nzeogwu

performed so well on exams that he qualified for a Nigerian government-funded scholarship to study chemical engineering abroad. After obtaining a Bachelor's degree, two Master's degrees, and

a Doctorate from the University of Missouri, Nzeogwu is now a Professor and Director of the MBA program at Roseman University of Health Sciences in Nevada.

To pay it forward, this year he and his wife gave \$30,000 to establish permanent resources for CORAL (Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning), a Catholic Charities program that provides STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education to 2,500 students per day.

"I consider myself blessed and want to help young people, as I was helped when I was a child," said Nzeogwu.

To learn about funding opportunities at Catholic Charities, please contact David Russo, Senior Director of Planned Giving at (408) 325-5248.

## Caritas Welcomes a New Generation

Caritas members, Bob and Niccole Allard welcomed guests to their beautiful Willow Glen home on June 13. It was a different Caritas Reception than in recent years, reminiscent of 38 years back when a generous group of caring families gathered to launch the Caritas Society as a base of support for the work of Catholic Charities.

The room was filled with parents of elementary and high school age children, primed to learn about the positive impact Catholic Charities is having in the community. Guests listened attentively to the personal stories of two clients whose lives are on a positive trajectory, thanks to their work with therapists and case managers at Catholic Charities.

The importance and value of investing in Catholic Charities was made clear through two poignant first hand accounts of life-changing support services: Jazzlyn, who seeks to adopt a foster child and build a healthy family, and Sarah, who sought employment counseling to improve her job prospects and earning potential. Bob Allard said it so eloquently, "The problems that our parents dared to fix are still present and it's our turn to help change the lives of those who are struggling with joblessness, disrupted families, substandard education, mental illness, and abuse."

That evening, 12 new families heeded Bob's call and joined the Caritas Society. To secure our future strength, Catholic Charities seeks the engagement of the next generation. Young, compassionate families are now taking on the mantle to grow the foundation of support for the important work Catholic Charities.

For more information about how to join the Caritas Society and other ways to support Catholic Charities, contact Alison Poetsch, Individual Giving Manager at (408) 325-5288.



Bob and Niccole Allard

## CELEBRATING THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES PROGRAMS



Students in First5 at Luther Burbank Family Resource Center move to the beat.



Dahl students attend an Earthquakes match.



Students at Dahl Elementary School rally for the Warriors.



A Santee student shows what she made at soccer Summer camp.



Santee Elementary School students proudly display the slime they just made.



Students at Santee couldn't wait to meet this mascot after an assembly.

## YOUR HELP IS THEIR HOPE: 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

On behalf of those served by Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, we want to thank our donors, the hundreds of volunteers, Parish staff, Deacons, and Priests for their support of our 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal. Your compassion has given Catholic Charities staff and volunteers the power to continue the important work of changing lives for good.

For more than a decade Catholic Charities' Annual Appeal has called our community to a true expression of Caritas toward the poor and vulnerable struggling just outside our doors.

This year's Appeal raised \$680,000! This amount includes contributions collected during

Appeal weekend, as well as gifts mailed by Parish members during the Appeal.

The church responds with compassion to the poor and vulnerable through Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, the social justice arm of the church. Our mission is rooted in the Gospel to serve people in need, especially those in poverty, and to address the causes that undermine the dignity of the person.

These are not just numbers. These are real lives that have been changed forever through your support. On behalf of the thousands of individuals and families struggling to make better lives for themselves and their families, we thank you!



For information, contact Linda at (408) 325-5125 or [lpippin@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](mailto:lpippin@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org).

### 'PLAY WITH A PURPOSE' GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES FUNDS FOR CRITICAL NEEDS

Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual 'Play With A Purpose' Golf Tournament held many exciting changes for our nearly 130 golfers. Held at the newly remodeled Almaden Golf & Country Club this year, guests enjoyed stunning weather, delicious food, and "played for a purpose" to support the important work of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County.

This year's tournament raised \$272,000 to support the many programs and services provided by Catholic Charities. Our "Fund-a-Need" alone raised nearly \$40,000, in support of our CORAL after-school program, leveraging a 7:1 match.

Live auction highlights included Golden State Warriors tickets, golf at CordeValle and Monterey Peninsula Country Club, and more. Tremendous gratitude and blessings go to our sponsors, golfers, and volunteers for making this year's event so successful!



Long-time CCSCC supporter Alice Wallace tees off.



Putting Contest winner Skipp Harvey takes home an award.



Mr. Steve Milligan, getting some practice shots in before teeing off.



Golf Cart Sponsor Ray Triplett (second from right) enjoys the day with his son Colin (second from left), 2017 Golf Committee Co-Chair.



2017 Golf Committee Co-Chair Drew Haaser wins the Lexus Champions for Charity Drawing.



Mr. Les Pelio (second from right), pictured with his foursome on the course.



The Boys & Girls Club of Silicon Valley foursome "wishing" that putt in!



CEO Greg Kepferle (far right), pictured with Fr. Brendan McGuire (far left) and our CORAL speakers: Cindy Sanchez (middle left) and Marisol Barahona (middle right).

## Older Adults Walk with Ease

It is 9:30 AM, and older adults at the Eastside Neighborhood Center (ENC) begin to gather in small groups for their morning stroll. They take their usual path across the foot bridge over the Lower Silver Creek Trail, tucked away at the end of a cul-de-sac. In the midst of their mid-walk stretches, the seniors pause to observe the surrounding wildlife—egrets, Canadian geese, mallard ducks and ducklings, and the occasional turtle. Continuing along the pathway, the adults admire neighborhood gardens, literally stopping to smell the roses or to gaze upon trees carefully grown and nurtured by long-time residents.



A group of seniors from the Eastside Neighborhood Center enjoyed regular walks, enjoying their surrounding neighborhoods.

From February to March, these older adults participated in Walk with Ease, a walking program developed by the Arthritis Foundation. The goal of the program is to encourage seniors to take their physical health into their own hands by developing good stretching and exercise habits. One of the biggest takeaways for the seniors is that an intense 30-minute workout isn't essential to staying healthy—even breaking up exercise into small 10-minute chunks in the morning, afternoon, and evening can make a significant difference in their energy levels.

For eight weeks, Santa Clara County seniors 60 years old and up met every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for an hour and a half walk through either ENC or downtown San Jose by John XXIII Multiservice Center. The walks left lasting impressions as seniors discovered hidden gems in the neighborhood easily missed by car or bus. They were surprised to find that Cesar Chavez's family home was just a five-minute walk away from ENC.

"Seniors developed friendships with each other and would pair up and talk about everything they saw on the walks," says Uyen Pham, certified Walk With Ease leader and Program Supervisor of the Eastside Neighborhood Center. "Although some didn't speak the same language, they were able to communicate with hand gestures, smiles, and laughter."

## Step Up Silicon Valley Partners With Cisco Technology Benefiting Society

Silicon Valley is known as one of the most innovative and wealthiest regions of the world, yet 18% of the population struggles to make ends meet. According to a 2017 income limits summary by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a family of four that makes less than \$84,000 or less per year in Santa Clara County is considered poor, whereas families in various parts of the U.S. can thrive on a similar income.

What would it take to provide the resources for our community members to live dignified lives, where families and children have access to quality education, health care, housing, food, and a living wage?

**Poverty is usually measured in dollars and cents, but we rarely measure poverty in the cost of dignity and time that people lose when seeking multiple resources from multiple organizations.**

Poverty is expensive not only for those in need but also for organizations trying to help lift people out of poverty, and is usually measured in

dollars and cents, but we rarely measure poverty in the cost of dignity and time that people lose when seeking multiple resources from multiple organizations.

To mitigate this challenge, Step Up Silicon Valley has been exploring data integration technology through seed funding by Cisco Systems. This initiative seeks to identify, design, test, implement and evaluate a technological solution that enables social service agencies to port data directly to a single shared data hub and increase the timeliness, access, and accuracy of information to connect people in poverty and their professional and volunteer helpers to resources while tracking their progress. This in turn will reduce the amount of time spent on paperwork while increasing time case managers spend on creating pathways for economic opportunity for their clients.

In a small, yet impactful way, Step Up Silicon Valley, through its lead agency, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, has been working with community partners to find innovative solutions to reduce poverty. By leveraging community resources to ideate, incubate, and launch transformative initiatives like Pay for Success, College Savings Circle, and the San Jose Business Tax Reform, Step Up continues to test new ideas that have the potential to better the lives of the community.



## Immigration Legal Services Educates the Community with Know Your Rights Videos



Catholic Charities' Immigration Legal Services (ILS) recently produced a series of Know Your Rights videos to help educate the immigrant community. The eight videos, in English and Spanish, cover topics from how to handle being stopped by the police, to how organizations should handle unexpected ICE visits.

Established in 1976, Immigration Legal Services' mission is to provide quality immigration legal services to those in need and to advocate for social justice and immigrant rights. Their goal is to provide equitable access to legal services, foster and preserve the family structure through family reunification, and promote self-esteem through acquisition of legal status.

The Know Your Rights videos are part of ILS' Know Your Rights campaign. After the November 2016 election, there was growing fear in the immigrant community. Many organizations that serve these communities felt that there was a dire need to educate people on their basic constitutional rights, as many immigrants did not know they had rights. These videos were created with the intent to educate and make information available to those who are unable to attend Know Your Rights presentations, or have a fear of attending them.

"It is important that everyone know their constitutional rights, not just immigrants," said Grecia Escobar-Emery, Community Relations Manager - Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. "These videos show scenarios of what could actually happen in our communities in regards to immigration. It is one thing to hear someone talk about your constitutional rights, but it is another thing to actually see it in action."

To watch the Know Your Rights videos, please visit <http://bit.ly/CCSCC-KYR>.

ILS program staff are committed to helping individuals understand immigration law and to know their rights. Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County is recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals and ILS program staff are accredited to provide a broad range of immigration counseling and representation to immigrants and their families. Learn more at <http://catholiccharitiessc.org/immigration-legal-services>.

## From Criminal Justice to Restorative Justice

Public transportation was not an option for Corey. He would be due to appear in court, but with mental illness and cognitive delays, even taking the local Light Rail was a challenge. With the help of the Restorative Justice Center, Corey received the supportive services needed to foster his independence and find his way.

Formerly known as the Criminal Justice Center at Catholic Charities, the new Restorative Justice Center helps adults with a criminal background who face mental health and substance abuse problems. The new Center takes a more holistic approach to healing, recognizing that program participants often turn to crime, drugs, or alcohol as a result of past challenges or trauma. Through access to various social supports, the program stabilizes lives for recovery and successful reintegration into the community.

The center serves about 1,600 inmates per year through intensive wraparound services and advocacy, including transportation to medical appointments or courts, as well as access to social workers or therapy. The goal is to reduce recidivism and assure that clients do not return to the hospital or become homeless.

Moving from criminal justice to restorative justice, Catholic Charities has expanded this work to collaboratively meet the needs of clients and families, as children or family members across programs often have a parent or significant other who is incarcerated. The new Center helps families through a combination and vast array of services, including employment, expunging records, counseling, individual or family legal services, and housing.

“The Restorative Justice Center provides more services depending on where clients are at, bringing the employment piece, the academic piece, and a place where they feel they are not criminals,” says Sandra Escobar, newly-appointed Senior Director of the Restorative Justice Center.

Through intensive services and support, Corey has gained the ability to independently arrive to programs and court on his own. A year and a half ago, he had no idea where he was going. Through the Restorative Justice Center, Corey is now staying away from drugs, building a relationship with his mother and brother, and finding a place for himself.



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schools and one STEM camp working with middle school students.

Each year, the summer camps take on a thematic interest. This summer, youth participated in programming enriched with various soccer-related activities. For example, the Moves thematic would emphasize sportsmanship through outdoor soccer games, while balanced literacy lessons, such as read-a-loud or journaling, would feature books on soccer stars like Mia Hamm. Soccer became a common thread that grounded lessons in their own interests.

“Within our low-income communities, soccer is a huge hit. It’s accessible, and not so equipment-based, where you need to buy a lot of materials to play,” says Program Director Angie Lopez.

To close the summer learning gap, students were also given incentives to set goals and complete reading hours. Thanks to partnerships with the Santa Clara University Women’s Soccer Team, Shortino Foundation, and the San Jose Earthquakes, prizes have included soccer balls and tickets to Earthquake games. The two teams have also been involved through presentations, meet-and-greets, and soccer clinics with students throughout the program.

“In our region in Silicon Valley, parents often work two to three jobs,” says Angie. “It is a challenge for them to create enrichment on their own. We try to engage the students and more than anything, make it a fun, educational experience.”

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for the rights of refugees, following the announcement of Executive Orders banning travel from several Muslim-majority countries and temporarily banning all refugee migration to the United States. They wrote more than 100 letters of support for refugees to Catholic Charities in response.

Catholic Charities’ Refugee Foster Care program is the only program in Northern California that serves orphaned refugee children fleeing terror, poverty, and oppression. To learn more visit <http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/refugee-foster-care>.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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**Department:** Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI)

**Status:** Full-time Exempt

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Catholic Charities is working closely with the Franklin McKinley School District in San Jose to deliver Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Services in partnership with the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department. Employing evidence-based practices, PEI services are targeting high-risk youth and their families with the goal of preventing, reducing, and eliminating mental health issues that may be inhibiting academic success and family wellness. The Therapist supports PEI by engaging families, in individual child, family, and group therapy to reduce or eliminate escalated behavioral challenges exhibited by students.

Read full position description and learn more about qualification requirements at <http://bit.ly/jobsworkingtoendpoverty>.

**Position:** Program Manager

**Division:** Behavioral Health

**Department:** CalWORKS

**Status:** Full-time Exempt

**POSITION SUMMARY:** As a member of the Behavioral Health management team, this position performs duty as Program Manager of the CalWORKS program within the Behavior Health Division. This individual will conduct the management and supervisory responsibilities as delegated to the position by the Division Director.

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To apply to these positions, please submit resume to [jobs@catholiccharitiesscc.org](mailto:jobs@catholiccharitiesscc.org) or via fax to (408) 944-0276 attn: HR.

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### Mission Statement

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County serves and advocates for families and individuals in need, especially those living in poverty. Rooted in gospel values, we work to create a more just and compassionate community in which people of all cultures and beliefs can participate.

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Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County's CORAL (Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning) after-school program has served more than 38,500 students since 2003. The K-8 expanded learning program focuses on improving academic achievement through literacy and homework support at more than 22 school sites throughout the County.



Catholic Charities Voices of Hope Newsletter

# Sportsmanship and Literacy *Can* Go Together!



This summer, hundreds of young scholars throughout the county participated in summer soccer programming through CORAL (Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning). Soccer was the common thread that grounded the classroom lessons and helped the students improve their literacy.