

Dear Catholic Charities Friends and Supporters,

We are excited to announce that Catholic Charities has once again earned Charity Navigator's top four-star rating for our ability to efficiently manage and grow our finances!

The renewal of this ranking places the agency in the select position of being in the top 1% of the 5500+ nonprofit charities ranked by Charity Navigator at a national level, and one of only two non-profits in Houston to have received Charity Navigator's highest four-star rating for nine consecutive years. Within the philanthropic community, Charity Navigator is acknowledged as the premier evaluator of the fiscal performance of the nation's non-profits and is credited with influencing more the decisions made by more than 4,000,000 donors (www.charitynavigator.org).

We give special thanks to you for your trust and support of our work.

Prayerful best wishes,
Bonna



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Bonna Kol
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
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Dear Bonna Kol:

On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on achieving our coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management.

As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars. In this competitive philanthropic marketplace, Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, highlights the fine work of efficient charities such as your own, and provides donors with essential information needed to give them greater confidence in the charitable choices they make.

Based on the most recent financial information available, we have calculated a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has earned our ninth consecutive 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Less than 1% of the charities we rate have received at least 9 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

Forbes, *Business Week*, and *Kiplinger's Financial Magazine*, among others, have profiled and celebrated our unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. We evaluate ten times more charities than our nearest competitor and currently attract more visitors to our website than all other charity rating groups combined, thus making us the leading charity evaluator in America. Our irrefutable data shows that users of our site gave more than they planned to before viewing our findings, and in fact, it is estimated that last year Charity Navigator influenced over \$10 billion in charitable gifts.

We believe our service will enhance your organization's fundraising and public relations efforts. Our favorable review of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston's fiscal health will be visible on our website as of May 1st.

We wish you the best in all of your charitable endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ken Berger
President & Chief Executive Officer

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