

SAN ANTONIO

Catholic Worker



Much Gratitude in 2021 !!!

A heartfelt thanks to so many loyal supporters who **continue** to donate every month ...some for many years...and to those who provide annual large donations, often during the Christmas season. Also, a heartfelt gratitude to those who are **new** donors this year! We really appreciate all of you for your generosity! And thanks to the ongoing 2020 Covid Angels who are still, even in 2021, dropping off needed supplies anonymously. I am so sorry that we often don't know who you are, but you are much appreciated.

Thanks to our partners...without whom, we could not provide the meals. Most notably, **Traveling Loaves and Fishes, especially LaVerne, from St. Mark's the Evangelist Catholic Church** for daily donations of breakfast and lunch items since October 2010! And thanks also for preparing and serving hot suppers on Quincy Street to those in need. Also, thanks to **Augie's Barbed Wire BBQ** and his gracious staff for the generous donations of BBQ ribs, chicken, sausage and pulled pork... enough for the meat entrées all week long!

Thanks Robert, Anthony, and Phillip for the bi-weekly harvesting of huge donations from **Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, and St David's Episcopal Church**...literally truckloads of fresh produce, bread, pasta and unique scrumptious items. And now thanks to the "Intentional Community" in Highland Park, for taking on this harvesting job in recent months, especially Val, for leading the effort, with help from Laurel and many others. Thanks to Dee (CWH founder, 1985) and Leslie for using this produce, + more, to cook delicious sides every week. Finally, thanks to Andy for his pickups every Saturday & Sunday nights at Panera Bread.

Thanks to the **Church of the Holy Spirit** for their very generous donation of HEB cards this year and ongoing for many years...and to **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church** in Selma for their huge amount of donations of blankets, jackets, gloves, hygiene supplies.....and their ongoing donation of the gourmet coffee, the main CWH breakfast attraction.!!

And finally, thanks to all who prepared Christmas season meals when we were in much need!

Ministry Update

And, of course, thanks to our MANY volunteers, the Faith House resident volunteers and Mary who come every day and also those who come 1 or 2 days every week. We couldn't do it without you! Due to continued CDC Covid restrictions for soup kitchens, our dining room is still

closed. Luckily SA weather is pretty mild *most* of the time and thanks to funding from the ***Sisters of the Holy Spirit***, we have been able to upgrade our outdoor picnic area and increase seating. We do serve the meals inside but maintain social distancing and masks.

We are thrilled to report that the collaboration among the “***Eastside C’s***” ministries during COVID in 2020, and especially during the ice/snow storm in February 2021, has continued all year. So **C**WH starts the day with gourmet coffee and breakfast and a hot lunch (about 150 meals/day). **C**AM provides a bagged meal, clothing, and showers into the afternoons. Then, the brand-new **C**orazon Day Center opens around noon and serves lunch. Finally, **C**UB (Community Under the Bridge) rounds things out with a hot supper. So, bases are now covered for our Eastside folks!

The annual ***Memorial Vigil*** remembered 11 CWH guests. It was an emotional, but a very beautiful and solemn ceremony...always on the longest night of the year. In 2020, only one CWH member had passed and was remembered. None of these deaths the past 2 years have been COVID related. In fact, NONE of our guests nor volunteers have had COVID.

Towne Twin Village Progress

Although, we broke ground in May, supply chain challenges, product scarcity, and rising costs have delayed the completion of Phase 1. The infrastructure and foundation pads for the large community buildings and first tiny houses are nearing completion. Some of the RV trailers have arrived and are ready for occupancy as soon as utilities are in place. The newest timeline prediction for Phase 1 (25 RV trailers, 36 tiny homes and 3 community buildings including the chapel) is possible move in October 2022. We are hoping to move into the RVs maybe in June 2022. The new CW House of Hospitality is planned for Phase 2 with possible move-in late 2023. But, honestly, timelines are a moving target given the current construction challenges!.

Hopes, Wishes, and Needs

Please pray for a new resident volunteer who has a driver’s license!!! We have two vehicles but no volunteer to drive them! Things we always need:

- ***HEB gift cards ... or any general gift cards***
- ***Cream (in pour containers) and sugar (in large bags)***
- ***For our bagged meals...individual packets of mustard and mayonnaise, small bags of chips and/or nuts, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, individual fruit cups***
- ***Used ceramic coffee mugs, metal spoons / forks, dish towels and disposable grocery bags***

And due to the generosity of many, we ***do not need*** any more gloves, hats, scarves, and socks.

And, the surprise Christmas holiday cooked casseroles/veggie dishes were such a big hit and a welcome relief to our regular volunteers cooking sides at home at night, that we would be very happy to receive ANY dish ANY weekday. ***Let’s pretend it is Christmas all year.*** 😊