

Summer 2020

Dear CSS Supporter,

Peace be with you.

Thank you to all who have supported our past Bountiful Harvest Celebrations for Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. In collaboration with Open Table, CSS provided nearly 43,000 sack lunches per year in the greater Hastings area. We also delivered 229 tons of food to the 16-County area thanks to our mobile food pantry. We provide a safe and secure home for women and children escaping from domestic violence in our St. Gianna Homes program. And during the COVID-19 pandemic we are giving out over \$200,000 in rent, utilities, and cash help through our emergency services program.

In light of social distancing efforts for the foreseeable future, our Bountiful Harvest Celebration will be held in a different light this year. We will not have our celebration dinner in September. We will be holding a harvest-season long online auction fundraiser in order to raise funds to continue to help the needy and vulnerable of the Hastings area.

From October 1st until October 25th, we will have an ongoing auction at <u>www.qtego.net/qlink.csshastings</u>. We will highlight those businesses, organizations, and individuals who sponsor us on the website as we invite participants from the community and region-wide to bid on items.

The poor, hungry, and abused of the area need your help more than ever. **Can you support them with a donation to Bountiful Harvest 2020?** Your funds will go directly to help your neighbors in need in the area.

With your donation, we will place your name in an advertisement in the Hastings Tribune, the Southern Nebraska Register (which hits 30,000 Catholics in southern Nebraska weekly), on our cssisus.org website for the year, and in a personal mailer to our list of last year's dinner attendees. We will also provide you with prominent placement on our auction website <u>www.qtego.net/qlink.csshastings</u> during the month of October. The audience and number of hits on this site should garner great exposure.

*Please let us know of your support at <u>cssisus.org/BH2020</u> by August 25<sup>th</sup> so we can include you on the website and mailers. You can commit online at that site or mail in your contribution as well. Your help is vital to ensure we can continue to help the hungry, abused, and marginalized of the community.* 

Thank you for your partnership and leadership in the community. Together, we are going to get through this and continue to bring Hope in the Good Life!!

God bless and protect you and your families.

Cheers,

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