

# CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

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## **Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska Partners with F Street Neighborhood Church and Asian Community and Cultural Center to Distribute Cleaning Kits**

Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska (CSS) continues to serve the vulnerable of southern Nebraska. Though the pandemic has changed our own agency's service methods, it has not changed our mission of performing the Works of Mercy in response to the call of God. A beautiful example is CSS is partnering with the F Street Neighborhood Church to distribute 70 cleaning kits to veterans and 40 cleaning kits for the Asian Community and Cultural Center who will distribute to elder refugee clients. Extra cleaning kits will be distributed by CSS to recent refugee arrivals.

CSS staff and volunteers assembled all the supply kits to distribute to F Street Neighborhood Church and Asian Community and Cultural Center on Thursday.

*"With all the social distancing currently in place in our city, it does make building new relationships challenging, but the Lord provides," states Katie Patrick, Regional Director of Social Services at CSS. "When the F Street Neighborhood Church reached out to us in hopes of providing veterans with cleaning kits and just hours later the Asian Community and Cultural Center reached out with the same request to help their elder refugee clients - we, at CSS, were blessed to be able to say, YES! By the generosity of our donors, we were able to assemble 110 cleaning kits for distribution. Serving those in need, while making new connections and friendships along the way, is faith in action. I'm really grateful to our community partners, donors, staff, and volunteers for making it happen. God is good!!"*

Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska, founded in 1932, is the charitable arm of the Diocese of Lincoln, serving all individuals regardless of faith in the southern third of Nebraska. Our services cover 24,000 square miles and touch the lives of nearly 30,000 people annually. Catholic Social Services provides food pantry services, emergency services which include rent and utility assistance, disaster relief, refugee and immigration services, St. Gianna Women's Homes (a program for women and their children escaping violence and domestic abuse), and a Clinical/Family Counseling program which provides psychological services. More information about our mission and agency can be found at [www.csssus.org](http://www.csssus.org).

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Caption for photo:

Pastor Jeff and representatives from F Street Neighborhood Church pick up cleaning supply kits at CSS to distribute to local veterans on Thursday, May 14.