



Fall 2021

Dear Friend of CSS:

Thank you for your past support of our Bountiful Harvest Celebration for Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. The delivery of our services to the poor and vulnerable looked a little different the past couple years, but in many cases the obstacles staff and volunteers overcame to serve clients made 2021 one of our most memorable years. Despite pandemic challenges, we spent the same amount of hours visiting over the phone with clients, listening to their struggles and offering them our prayers and financial assistance. Our food recovery and distribution maintained its regular routes delivering **205 tons of food to the 16-County area. CSS also provided nearly 30,000 sack lunches** in the greater Hastings area in collaboration with Open Table.

This year's Bountiful Harvest Celebration will take place on Sunday, November 14th, and will once again be virtual. We will celebrate how our staff and volunteers, with the support of donors like you, brought hope to those in need. We are also excited to introduce John McDonald as our new Hastings Regional Director.

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

As part of the celebration, we will be holding an online auction in order to raise funds to continue to help the needy and vulnerable of the Hastings area.

Beginning November 1st, we will have an ongoing auction at www.qtego.net/qmlink.csshastings. The auction will close at the conclusion of our Bountiful Harvest Celebration on the evening of November 14th. 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.

With your donation, we will place your name in an advertisement in the Hastings Tribune and in the Southern Nebraska Register which hits 30,000 Catholic households in southern Nebraska weekly. Eligible sponsors will receive prominent placement on our website, the Bountiful Harvest landing page and our auction website during November and December. The audience and number of hits on this site should garner great exposure.

Please let us know of your support at csshope.org/BH2021 by October 29th so we can include you on the website. 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.

God bless and thank you for your partnership and leadership in the community. Together, we will continue to bring **Hope in the Good Life!**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Patrick".

Katie Patrick
Executive Director

P.S. **We are always looking for items to add to the silent auction!** If you or your business would like to offer a service or item on the auction, send an email with the information to hello@cssisus.org. Thank you!