

Serving Those Who Served



"YOU were the answer to my prayers..."

After years of military service followed by living on the street in the frigid cold, "Robert" finally has a place to call his own, thanks to the Catholic Charities Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) team. While working part-time, Robert's low income made it impossible to save for the skyrocketing cost of living, and his lack of rental history left landlords turning him away. Recognizing these steep barriers, his SSVF Case Manager jumped into action, coordinating with the Modesto Veteran Medical Center to secure a housing voucher. To clear the final financial hurdles and reassure a hesitant landlord, our team stepped in to provide critical tenant incentives and cover his full security deposit. The support didn't stop at the lease signing. To ensure his apartment felt like a home, the team coordinated the delivery of a bed, a refrigerator, and essential household items like pots, pans, and silverware. Today, Robert is safely housed and deeply grateful. Your support of Catholic Charities provides more than just financial aid—it delivers the stability, dignity, and warmth our veterans truly deserve.

To all who were involved in me moving in and getting all of my household items, I was homeless and sleeping outside in the frigid cold... But not anymore! I asked God to deliver me from homelessness and He did! You were the answer to my prayers! God used you to give me a home with all of the items to live very well and comfortably! I was concerned about not being able to pay rent for the first month, BUT YOU PAID IT FOR ME! 😊 Because of Catholic Charities, I am able to sleep in a warm bed, microwave my food, cool food in the refrigerator, eat food with knives eat food with silverware, clean my house with cleaning equipment eat food on dishes, drink with cups and do anything to live comfortably. You are all amazing and a miracle!

This heartwarming note from an SSVF client, Robert, reminds us exactly what your support makes possible. Thank you for being a miracle for those who served!



Do you know a veteran family in need of housing support?

To learn more about program eligibility or to connect with an SSVF coordinator, please contact our team at (209) 444-5900 or visit www.ccstockton.org

If you or a veteran you know is in immediate crisis, please dial 988 (then press 1) or text 838255.

THE KINDNESS COLLECTIVE

Get Involved with our **NEWEST** Program...

The Kindness Collective Older Adult Program led by Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton, in collaboration with University of the Pacific, Dome of Hope, and Dignity Health St. Joseph's Medical Center, connects older adults with volunteers to help reduce loneliness and increase social connectedness through ongoing interactions with volunteers, digital literacy, and engagement in social and intergenerational activities. The goal of the program is that participants will have better access to healthcare, mental health, and supportive services.

Sign up to be a Volunteer... Call (209) 444-5900 or by visiting our website

Shining A Light Employee Spotlight



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Within our Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, navigating the balance between a resident's legal rights and personal desires is a complex daily challenge. It takes a unique blend of intellect, fairness, and deep empathy—exactly what "Josey" as we call him, brings to our team every day.

Before dedicating his talents to advocacy, Josey worked as an engineer. Today, he channels that analytical mindset into his role as an Ombudsman, using his rare gift for looking at the "whole picture" to assess even the most complicated situations with absolute fairness.

Every case has its own unique "flavor," and Josey handles some of our agency's most difficult situations with admirable, quiet ease. He is a fierce defender of human rights; in one remarkable instance, Josey fought tirelessly for a resident battling cancer, taking the case all the way to court—and winning—to ensure the man's final wishes were honored.

What truly sets Josey apart is his profound humility. Alongside his wife, he is boundlessly generous with his time, always willing to share his knowledge and steps in to cover for colleagues without a single word of complaint.

"Knowledgeable, humble, helpful, and generous—he is easily one of the top people in my book," a coworker shared. Thank you, Josey, for bringing your brilliant mind and dedicated heart to Catholic Charities!