

Forward with Families: Double Your Donation to the Center at St. Matthew's through Father's Day

Feed the Hungry. Welcome the Refugee and the Immigrant. Care for the Homeless. Lift Up Hearts. That is what is being done every week at the Center at St. Matthew's, our diocesan outreach ministry. Put another way, the Center supports families of all shapes, sizes, and circumstances. St. Michael's has been integral in making the Center what it is today. And we would like to invite you to join the "Forward with Families" giving campaign in June 2022. Thanks to a generous donor, your donations will be doubled up to the matching gift amount of \$25,000.

Over the past several weeks, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California E-News has shared articles from the leaders of the Center at St. Matthew's about the many ways the Center supports and sustains families. The Center is an innovative community service center and outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

It has been a while since our St. Michael's community has been on campus serving the neighborhood of Arden Arcade. But the work has continued, through River City Food Bank serving 700 households each week (many of you are there each week). Through the partnership of Highlands Community Charter School, providing language and literacy classes to 175 refugees and immigrants every weekday.

Beyond the campus, the Center supports families experiencing homelessness through the partnership with Arden Arcade Homeless Assistance Resource Team (launched at the Center in 2019). At the spiritual heart of the Center is the Mission at St. Matthew's, a bilingual congregation offering Episcopal worship, fellowship and pastoral care in Spanish and English.

These ministries have a common focus helping families move forward.

We have been appealing to Episcopalians throughout the diocese to consider donating in honor of our parents to sustain the work being done at The Center. As of two weeks ago we were over 90% of the goal and we have two weeks left to reach \$25,000.

We hope the always supportive St. Michael's community will consider a donation to sustain the work being done at The Center.

To donate online, please visit the diocesan website's online giving portal at:

<https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/give/> Click on the red "Give" button and select "The Center at St. Matthew's" from the drop-down menu. You may enter "in honor of" or "in memory of" your loved ones in the "optional memo" field.

To donate by check, please make your check payable to "Episcopal Diocese of Northern California" and write "Center at St. Matthew's" in the memo line. You may enclose a note in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Please mail your check directly to the Center at: The Center at St. Matthew's 2300 Edison Avenue Sacramento, CA 95821-1714

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Thank you, Tammy Murray
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