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## Your Impact



**DID YOU KNOW  
1 IN 5 PEOPLE**

in the Greater Philadelphia area count on the Catholic Charities Appeal for help and hope? We may not notice them, but they are there in every county, town, parish, and neighborhood.

It's time we focus on the women and children looking for shelter, focus on those experiencing poverty and looking for a meal, and focus on individuals with special needs looking for opportunity.

**Every year, the Catholic Charities Appeal impacts nearly one million lives. But this is not possible without your help. Your gift matters more than you know.**

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## Ways to Give

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

- Pledge Gift
- Gifts of Cash
- Matching Gifts
- Electronic Fund
- Transfer (EFT)
- Gifts of Securities
- Planned Gifts

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215.587.5650 or email [cca@thecfgp.org](mailto:cca@thecfgp.org).



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## Evangelization: DEAF APOSTOLATE

“My parents brought me to Church every Sunday when I was growing up; my mom would interpret the Mass for me in American Sign Language (ASL). I knew as a kid that I could be a Deacon and give back to the Church and the Deaf community. I have met several Deaf men who showed interest in becoming a Deacon, but they did not have the support of their dioceses. Fortunately, with the support of the Deaf Apostolate Office, I was able to discern my calling to become an ordained Deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The Deaf Apostolate provides pastoral care, sacramental preparation, religious education, and a regular schedule of Masses in ASL with the Catholic community who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Learning about your faith and not understanding what is being said is a challenge. Mass in ASL makes our faith visible in our own language – it gives our community access. **We can process information more clearly when it's in our language. When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal, your donations help the Deaf community access their faith and participate in the Church.”**

– Deacon Billy Griffin, Coordinator,  
Deaf Apostolate



**THE DEAF  
APOSTOLATE  
SERVES OVER 900  
FAMILIES WITH DEAF  
MEMBERS ACROSS  
THE ARCHDIOCESE  
OF PHILADELPHIA.**