Catholic Charities
RIO GRANDE VALLEY

CCRGV Statement Regarding Eligibility for Federal Funding

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We recently learned that the Department of Homeland Security has temporarily suspended Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley's (CCRGV) eligibility for federal funding pending a further determination.

CCRGV exists for one purpose – to help those in need. Ours is a humanitarian response aimed at restoring human dignity to the thousands of immigrants who have been offered care, and we are proud of our work feeding the hungry and providing care for those here in our country.

All funding provided by DHS was used to care for individuals who were brought to CCRGV by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). These are individuals who were released by CBP with a document that gave them permission to travel to their points of destination with instructions on where to follow up with their immigration proceedings.

"Those on the front lines of our humanitarian outreach know the work we do truly helps to restore human dignity," said Sister Norma Pimentel, Executive Director of CCRGV. "I take very seriously every single dollar entrusted to us."

CCRGV is committed to compliance with federal grant requirements and will work expeditiously with DHS to resolve this matter.

CCRGV also remains committed to serve each person who comes seeking our help with respect and compassion. Our mission remains the same. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

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