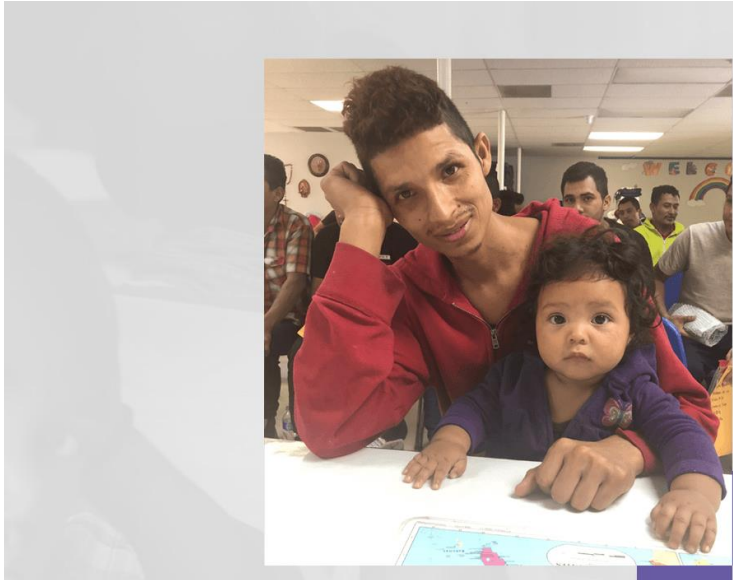




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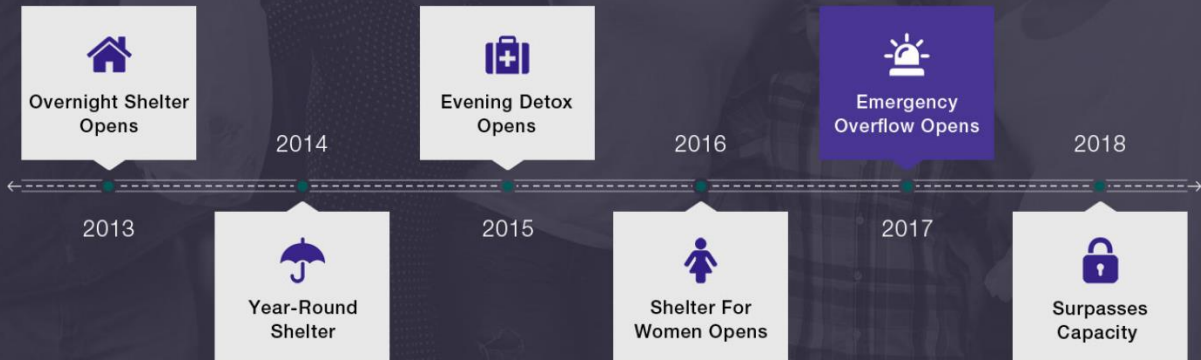
Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley is the charitable branch of the Diocese of Brownsville. We have projects that provide assistance to the poor and most vulnerable population in our community. It is part of the larger family of Catholic Charities USA and Caritas Internacionales.

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HISTORY OF THE RESPITE CENTER

INITIATED AS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE RELIEF CRISIS THAT BEGAN IN JUNE OF 2014, THE HUMANITARIAN RESPITE CENTER (HRC) HAS SINCE SERVED 100,000 REFUGEES.



WE BELIEVE

We must always be prepared to serve with flexibility the changing circumstances afflicting the immigrant, the poor and those most forgotten.

We must act practically and effectively on behalf of the vulnerable, finding ways to affirm that in those who sojourn with great difficulty, we encounter the face of Christ himself.

We should provide spaces of welcome and support to help the most vulnerable regain hope and dignity for their difficult journeys ahead.

The center should provide support for refugees and volunteers alike, educating and raising awareness of the ongoing issues with the immigrant community.

The work should be carried out daily, to welcome, and provide opportunities for the refugees to refresh, to be nourished, to rest, to play, to heal; in cooperation with the community, local civil authorities and law enforcement.

We believe in the generosity of the people of the Valley and beyond, Catholics and non-Catholics, as a continuing sign that affirms human dignity and compassion. The Center should reflect the expression of communion and community.

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Our principles are shared with our sister organizations throughout the world. The core of our work is to improve the life and dignity of the human person, a call to family, community and participation. To teach by example solidarity and the dignity of work. To understand our rights and responsibilities teaching others there are options for the poor and vulnerable. Above all, care for all of God's Creation.

Answering the call for compassion and care to the asylum-seeking immigrants at the Texas-Mexico border, Catholic Charities, through the work of its volunteers at the Humanitarian Respite Center, provides basic resources such as food and clothing in addition to services as legal orientation and medical assistance. Welcoming as many as 300 individuals per day as they rest and prepare to continue their journey, the center has served over 100,000 immigrants.

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