

# ABOUT OUR NEW BUILIDNG

- Donated by a local Hays family
- 1015 Centennial Blvd., Hays
- Opening Winter 2024
- 9,000 square feet plus parking
- Serving over 600 families in Northwest Kansas

#### PROJECT COST

 \$1,000,000 for renovation and building maintenance fund

## PROJECT FEATURES

- Bright, welcoming space for those seeking services.
- Functional warehouse for receiving shipments, storing inventory and loading outreach van indoors.
- Improved safety and security for staff and volunteers.
- Thrift Store to provide low-cost, high quality necessities to families in need.

Certain project costs have been supported by the Kansas Department of Commerce, Community Service Tax Credit Program.

#### **OUR STORY**

Over 60 years ago, Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas was started to care for the poor and support families across the 31 counties of the Salina Diocese. In 1983, Catholic Charities opened its first outreach facility in Hays with a small rented office and one staff member. Today, Catholic Charities in Hays serves 16 counties in the western region of the Diocese by providing financial and housing assistance, personal care and basic needs (including food, hygiene, and diapers), pregnancy and adoption services, and counseling services. Services are in-person from our office, as well as on the road through our outreach services vehicles.

#### **THE PROJECT**

Our Hays team has done amazing work from our office at 122 E. 12th St., but we have outgrown our space and cannot expand the reach of our services to poor and vulnerable families of western Kansas in our current building. An incredibly generous family recently donated a 9,000 sq. ft. building to Catholic Charities and we are redeveloping it into our new western Kansas headquarters. This building will serve as an anchor of hope for families in need in the Hays-area community for years to come.

### **YOUR IMPACT**

As a nonprofit organization, we operate on donations from generous donors just like you. Like the family who donated this building, your support will help Catholic Charities continue to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus throughout this rural region of Kansas, ensuring that those we serve will receive the compassionate care they deserve.





Almost 40 years ago, in 1983, Catholic Charities opened its first outreach facility in Hays. During those 40 years, countless families, like Bryce and Mary pictured above, have been blessed by the services of Catholic Charities.

Scripturally speaking, 40 means something, as it brings to mind such qualities as repentance, newness, preparation for an important work or task, transformation, nourishment, growth, and ultimately, new generation and new life. Its use denotes a complete period of time that transitions to another period of time.

The number 40 appears many times in the Bible: 40 days and nights of rain during the flood; Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai; The Jews journeyed through the desert for 40 years to the Promised Land; Jesus fasted in the desert 40 days. After each of these 40 days or years that passed, a great event occurs, or a definitive transition takes place. When we see the number 40 used to denote time in the Bible, we are being told that something extraordinary and definitive is happening.

That's what is happening right here at Catholic Charities with the remarkable gift of this building. We hope you will join us during this exciting time of growth as we continue God's work of compassionately caring for our neighbors in need throughout northwest Kansas!

### TO LEARN MORE OR DONATE:

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