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## GUADALUPE SOCIAL SERVICES

of Catholic Charities has served the rural community of Immokalee for more than 35 years. Immokalee has long been a region of poor migrant workers. Half of the population lives

at or below the poverty level. Over the years, more families have chosen to make Immokalee their permanent home and work in low-income jobs such as landscaping, the hospitality industry, and restaurant work along with in the fields and at the packing houses. There is an extreme culture of poverty that exists in the town of Immokalee.

Guadalupe Social Services aims to alleviate the suffering in Immokalee with compassion, integrity, and empathy. By empowering the people through assistance provided to them, the main goals are to ensure human dignity and enhance the quality of life for all individuals served. Guadalupe Social Services focuses on offering the basic needs of food, shelter, clothing and household items, stability and education.

## PROGRAMS

### Direct Assistance

In order to prevent homelessness, financial aid is available to qualified individuals and families. A client experiencing a crisis situation can receive assistance for utilities or rent once per year.

### Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

With the help of volunteers from area churches, synagogues, civic and social organizations, Catholic Charities provides free hot lunches for homeless individuals and migrant workers Monday through Friday at the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

### Food Pantry

As a certified USDA food pantry location, Guadalupe Social Services has developed a list of staples for the migrant worker population. Approximately half of the food items for the pantry are supplied from the Harry Chapin Food Bank along with regular donations from churches, youth groups, civic and social organizations. Once a month, qualified individuals can receive a bag or two of food depending on the number of family members in their residence.

### Clothing Room and Shower Program

The Clothing Room is open to anyone in the community to shop once a month from items that have been donated to Guadalupe Social Services. The Shower Program serves the chronically homeless or individuals living in substandard housing. Clients receive a change of clothes, hygiene products, a towel, and access to clean showers.

### Immigration Services

Certified immigration services are offered to help immigrants achieve self-sufficiency and stability in the United States through assistance with family reunification, employment authorization, legal permanent residency, citizenship, and other services.

### English School

In partnership with Collier County Public Schools, Guadalupe Social Services has been providing English as a second language classes to needy mothers and their children. Classes are free of charge and the mothers and their children are provided a nurturing and safe environment in which to learn.

### Undy Sunday

Underprivileged students receive assistance through an annual initiative that provides underclothing, socks, and school supplies.

### Holiday Food Distribution

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, hundreds of low-income families are given special food items.

### Crib and Stroller Program

Portable cribs are provided to families to ensure newborn children have a safe place to sleep. Strollers also are distributed so parents can transport their children around town without harm.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the backbone of Guadalupe Social Services. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to support the small staff in providing the programs and services available at this Catholic Charities location.

- Food Pantry Volunteers
- Casa Maria Soup Kitchen Volunteers
- Clothing Room and Shower Program Volunteers
- Volunteer Case Workers
- Holiday Food Distribution Volunteers
- Monthly Mailing Volunteers
- Fundraising Volunteers
- Office Assistance Volunteers

## DONATIONS

Monetary donations as well as donations of nonperishable food, clothing and household goods are always needed at Guadalupe Social Services. Seasonal donations are necessary for Back to School items, and Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions.

**For more information about volunteer opportunities and donations, please call 239-657-6242.**

