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Hello CC Family,

As the federal immigration detention and release practices are rapidly shifting and great public attention has been focused on the needs of families, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley's Humanitarian Respite Center has been inundated with families to welcome, donations to process and volunteers to manage. The Humanitarian Respite Center was opened several years ago by Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley to help families recently released from the detention centers get a hot shower, warm meal, clothing and necessities before continuing their journey across the US to be reunited with their children and families; however, with only a staff of 4 they are overwhelmed as an average of 250 individuals per day walk through their door seeking help.

It is an honor to share with you that we have assembled a team of 9 leaders from Catholic Charities of Central Texas and the Diocese of Austin who will deploy to the border July 10th-July 18th to help with capacity building, streamlining processes, developing communication channels for families to connect with their loved ones, training volunteers for long-term care, etc. We have a big task ahead of us, but we are confident in His plan and our call to action to welcome the stranger.

In preparing for deployment I wanted to ask for your help in three key areas:

1. Pray. Pray for our Catholic Charities team and for the families seeking refuge.
2. If your community is actively looking for ways to help, please consider purchasing the following material items for the Humanitarian Respite Center:
 - a. Diapers- all sizes
 - b. Tennis shoes and socks for women- all sizes

Due to transportation limitations, we are asking that all donations to be shipped directly to Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande. Items can be found at Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley's [Amazon Wish List](#) or items can be collected and mailed to:

Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley
700 N. Virgen de San Juan Blvd
San Juan, TX 78589

3. Share this message with your friends and family so we can join as a collective community to care for our brothers and sisters in need. In addition, follow us on social media as we will post updates to our Catholic Charities Facebook page so you can stay abreast of the journey to reunite families together.

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