

Dear Friends of Saint Charles Caritas,

**God thank you so much for your love to your children, elderly, and us all!**

Please pray for the healing of our friends who have cancers: Susan Guenzel, Paul Bell, Katrina Cracker, Jiggs Ramos (has a Lou Gehrig/s disease ( a nervous system disease that weakens the muscles and impacts physical function. There is no cure. She is a devout Catholic), and Price Altasin, in kindergarten with heart issue. We thank God for Lex Colina's cancer is gone, and Mr. & Mrs Victor Garcia's cancers, they are now in remission. Thank you for your prayers.

**Please note, we are not going to have Caritas Day in December as we always have done for many years. We will resume in January 20 and 21, 2024. We are still planning to buy food to all the charities in TJ/Ensenada and some Philippines charities in December. If you want to donate for December, you can mail your donation payable to Saint Charles Caritas, 990 Saturn Blvd. San Diego CA 92154. You can place outside the envelope c/o Merlyn Baker. The "Thank you" letter/receipt for 2023 check donations will be sent in the 2nd week of January 2024.**

**100% of your donations are used to buy basic food, cleaning supplies and special projects for the charities that you are helping. We are all volunteers, zero overhead costs and no administrative layers.**

**The Carmelite Sisters in Cagayan de Oro island is going to build a grotto for "Mama Mary" in their convent where the catechism class is held. They need donation to build this grotto. I received the estimated budget of 37,600 pesos = \$680.58 (materials and labor). If you want to donate for this project, please earmark your donation for "Mama Mary". Thank you.**

Thank you to all benefactors and volunteers especially to the Colina family, Santos family, Brother Ken Bates, Brother Joe Bajo, 9 Sisters from TJ/Ensenada and to our pastor Father Fernando Maldonado, associate pastor Fr. Burt Boudoin, Fr. Anthony, and deacons for their announcements after their masses. Also, thank you for the Philippines volunteers effort of Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA (Philippines charities advisor), Analiza Yauna, Regine Tesorero, and Mimie Galleros.

#### **Letters received...**

*... so nice to chat with you...God bless you and He will continue to hold you as you do His magnificent work, with your generous and talented heart and mind! Love is sent to you and all your people...all God's people. xo Diane P., Fort Collins, Colorado.*

*...Again thank you for all you do to feed the children. God bless you. Cindy & Joe M. San Bernardo.*

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Please see a collage of pictures below in November activities. **Row 1 picture**, After Caritas Day, we bought food and cleaning products to our 4 charity congregations that we are helping in TJ/Ensenada, **picture 2**, Sisters lunch during Caritas Day. **Row 2 & Row 3**, The "long distance adoption" of baby Gabriela (received baby milk) with Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA. The Preschooler children received school supplies and books and children vitamins. Also shipments of boxes to our charities in Cagayan de Oro. **Row 4**, shipments of food and hygiene products received for Barangay 26 children and preschoolers.



Please see below the disbursements on November 2023. 100% of your donations are used to buy basic food, cleaning products and special projects for the charities that we are helping. We are all volunteers, zero over head costs and no administrative layers. Thank you so much to all benefactors and volunteers for making the charity possible. This charity thrive because of you!

### **Donations received for the month of November:**

Saint Charles Caritas Day: November 18 &19 (Saturday & Sunday)	\$	4,556.50
Donations drop off in the church office/ via mail -out of town/other state	\$	2,485.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,041.50</b>

### **Disbursements for November:**

**Nov. 2023**

#### **\*\*In Mexico**

*Casa de Cuna Catolica, Children Care Center ages 3 to 5 years old, run by the Sisters of Sacred Heart of Jesus	\$	(653.30)
*Visit to Casa de Casa Catolica, Children Care Center: 2 cheese cakes, a bag of chocolate, box of: rice crispies, chewy snack bars and chewy Quaker oats/chocolate chips	\$	(75.95)
*Santa Teresita, home for girls run by Sisters Sacred Heart of Jesus	\$	(669.61)
* Visit to Santa Teresita, home for girls' chocolate bars/ snack bars & mini chocolates	\$	(80.22)
*(Asilo) Beato Juan Pablo II, home for the elderly 80 years old and above, run by the Sisters of St. Margaret of Mary of the Poor	\$	(669.86)
* Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Sacred Sacrament: contemplative sisters	\$	(668.86)
* Visit to Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Sacred Sacrament: fruits, cheese cake, buttered croissant	\$	(85.86)
*Breakfast/Costco buy of food for Sisters/volunteers snacks ( <b>earmarked by donors</b> )	\$	(180.15)

#### **\*\*In Philippines**

* CDC Preschooler Children: 2 to 3 times a week of fruits and sandwich bread/biscuits for Nov & Dec ( <b>earmarked by donor</b> )	\$	(401.71)
* Barangay 26 for children' sandwiches bread/snack bars for Nov & Dec	\$	(329.86)
* Toddler's milk for Gabriela, "long distance adopted child" for Nov & Dec ( <b>earmarked by donors</b> )	\$	(260.00)
*Carmelite Sisters catechism food: *Educational Assistance Program for poor children snacks	\$	(341.22)
*Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary/Feed the Children run by 2 teachers, juices, sugar, & snack bars	\$	-



*Lunch catering/taho for 67 children x 5 Sundays session		
* Canossian Sons of Charity c/o Fr. Jeephy Simbajon: Catechism food items for poor children and food shared to Canossian Sisters who run an orphanage and special challenged young adults.	\$	-
*LBC boxes for Cagayan de Oro charities & shipping 8 pack tape. Shipments in Nov 2 & Nov 22. 9 boxes total with promo discounts.	\$	(888.26)
<b>**In San Diego, USA</b>		
*Pastoral Charity Fund of St. Charles Church	\$	(500.00)
*Jim's Project #75, Homeless Help in the South Bay : food, socks and hygiene products ( on hold)		
<b>**Special Project: Mexico</b>		
	\$	-
<b>**Special Projects: Philippines</b>		
*Child Development Center (Preschooler Children ages 3 & 4 years old) hygiene products: bars of soap, face towel, children toothpaste and tooth brush (earmarked by donor)	\$	(422.96)
*Carmelite Sisters Catechism children: hygiene products: same items as above (earmarked by donor)	\$	(364.31)
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>(6,592.13)</b>
<b>Balance this month donations/disbursements</b>	\$	<b>449.37</b>

**11/27/23, Monday** from Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA. This congregation relies mostly on the divine providence for the children's meal. The less fortunate children live in the sisters house. These children ages from 3 to 18 years old. **Thank you Sister Babylyn for your continuous love for the poor children.**

*"Yesterday, I visited the community of the **Daughters of Our Lady of Divine Love**, located at Bontong Camaman-an Cagayan De Oro island under the care of Sr. Rinyjose Kolappurakudy is a sister from India. There are four sisters in this community, 2 from India, and the other 2 are native Filipinos. The mother superior is a Filipina. She is the head of their school. The other sister takes care of the kitchen and the household works. Each sister has its own tasks to do. They have school from kinder to grade 5 only. Next year, they are hoping that their international community will help them to build the classroom building for the grade 6 students. These children parents are separated. Family issues are big problems because they can't take care of their children, etc. and end up to the sisters care rather than on the streets. The Sisters can cater only 15 children, but they make an exception. The older kids that are in college are not listed in the house of Joy but are listed as staff to accommodate them These children. do not want to go back to their respective families. The children wear a T-shirt code, meaning different colors every day to wear because it is easier to wash. The children go to the*

*school in-house from kinder to grade 5 . Then they go to public school from grade 6 and on for their higher education.*

*I gave the children yesterday the rosaries and a box of snacks bars. They were grateful for the little gift I brought to them."*

**"Rosary Evangelization distributed by Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA to different congregations and a group of rosary prayers in Cagayan de Oro City island :**The set of rosaries are donated by Saint Charles Caritas in collaboration with the Rosary Makers. **Collage of pictures row 1 and 3, *Children from Daughters of Divine Love* received set of rosaries. Row 2 picture 1 *Sister Josephine Gosmo of St. John the Baptist Sisters* received the set of rosaries to be distributed in the class of *First Communicants grade 4*, picture 2, *Daughters of Charity* received the set of rosaries, and picture 3 set of rosaries received by the team leader of *Prayer Warriors Group* of City Hall Cagayan De Oro City."**



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**11/30/2023, Thursday**, from Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA. with teacher Mai Jinayon *"The Child Development Center, morning and afternoon preschoolers class. Saint Charles Caritas sponsored the mango fruit and sandwiches with peanut butter spread. Also, a 2 year old joined the preschooler and loved the mango and sandwich. Thank you, Saint Charles, for your love and generosity for these little ones."*

**12/01/2023, Friday.** *The Children in the Child Development Center eating their lunch with mandarin fruit and sandwiches with Nutella spread, donated by Saint Charles Caritas. Thank you with all our hearts.*





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**12/03/2023, Sunday from Barangay 26 neighborhood, 93 children with baby Gabriela (long distance adopted child)** received sandwiches with Nutella, and 2 snacks bars distributed by Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA and Mimie Gallegos. These snacks donated by Saint Charles Caritas. Thank you volunteers for your efforts of loving the children..





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**From teacher Analiza Yauna, "Teach the Children How to Pray", squatter area in Paliparan, Cavite**

12/03/2023 - One of our teachers is not available today because of conflict in her work schedule and the weather is not also good, that is why we decided to cancel the Rosary Session and gave "taho" instead. (Because it cannot be canceled anymore). We blessed the food and prayed for our Saint Charles Caritas volunteers and benefactors.





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12/03/2023, Fr. Jeephy Simbajon, Canossian priest sent a text that they are all is Bukidnon, a municipality in Mindanao and will resume the Oratorio next Sunday.

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**Rosary Evangelization:** *Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA distributed last Sunday, December 3, 2023, in the **Shrine of Nazareno** Cagayan De Oro City, the rosaries, given by Saint Charles Caritas to the lay ministers group in The Shrine of Black Nazarene. Thank you, Rosary Makers and Saint Charles Caritas of San Diego, California, for this great ministry in spreading Marian devotion. God bless us all !"*





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From teacher Analiza Yauna 12/10/2023, Sunday. The Samada half court in the squatter area of Paliparan was used for other event. *"12/10/2023, Sunday. We blessed the food and prayed for our Saint Charles Caritas volunteers and benefactors. We gave "taho" to our 69 kids from Pray the Rosary session."*





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12/20/2023 Sunday, from Fr. Jeephy Simbajon, Canossian Sons of Charity. *"Yesterday's Oratorio was the Christmas Party for the children. There were about 90 children who came, with the 12 guardians, 4 seminarians, 3 youth volunteers, and 2 priests. We started the Christmas party with the Eucharistic celebration, followed by a short program. The children had their dance presentations. The facilitators also organized parlor games for the children with simple prizes that they enjoyed a lot. For their lunch, we prepared the spaghetti with fried chicken. There were donors who donated other foods for the children in addition to what we prepared. Before leaving, the children loot bags with sweets inside. The children were very happy with the Christmas party celebration, including their guardians who were thankful for the activity that we organized."*





**Happy CHRISTmas to all! May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you with peace, and lingering joy!**

***Rosary Evangelization:** These are the Hijos and Hijas group they give their services to the Shrine of Black Nazarene. They are the recipient of the rosaries provided by Saint Charles Caritas, San Diego California, and the Rosary Makers. Thank you so much. God bless you all!* from Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA. The Saint Charles Caritas thanked Sister. Babylyn for her continues mission ministry in Cagayan de Oro island. **I thanked God for you, Sister Babylyn!**





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12/15/23, Friday from Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA. There are 24 all girls under the care of the 4 sisters. These children live in the sisters community and go to school. *"These are the items given to the **Sisters of Divine Love**: 2 sacks of rice 25 kilos each, sardines, biscuits, 1 jar of Nutella spread, 170 sets of Rosaries, 1 box of Chewy snacks bars . All of these items are donated by Saint Charles Caritas. Thank you, Saint Charles Caritas, for your donations. May God continue to bless each one of you and your family circle as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas shared with those in need. Thank you so much from our inmost heart. From all of us here in Philippines, mission affiliated by Saint Charles Caritas mission and ministry."*





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12/16/23, *"Today, we distributed the chewy snack bars and sandwiches with Nutella spread to the children of **Barangay 26 from Zone 1- 6** there were **80 children** who received the Saturday snacks donated by Saint Charles Caritas. I am very grateful to Saint Charles Caritas for sharing your blessings with the little ones . May God continue to bless you and your family with grace, good health, and peace in your heart as we live this Advent Season. Wishing you all the best of this season. From: Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA."* Thank you so much, Sr. Babylyn, for your love to the children.





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From teachers Analiza Yauna and Regina Tesorero

*"December 17, 2023*

***Pray the Rosary Session Report (Paliparan squatter area)***

***Have a Blessed Sunday***

*\*Our session starts at 8:00 am and ends at 9:30 am*

*\*Always think of God, Blessed Mary, and Papa Jesus whenever we pray and always encourage their family at home to Pray the Rosary.*

*\*The opening prayer was led by Teacher Regina*

*\* We advised children to always think of Jesus/ Blessed Mother Mary while praying.*

*\* Always do a prayer with a heart.*

*\*We thanked God for all the blessings & love.*

*We thank God for being with us, for His guidance and strength in our lives and we thank God for the food that we eat, for the knowledge, wisdom & strength, for all the people around us who make our life meaningful.*

*We always pray for the Saint Charles Caritas Family and Donors and for the healing of the sick.*

*\*We always pray that everyone will stay safe and healthy.*

*\*We prayed for Prince Yuan Altesin, Paul Bell, Susan Guenzel, Bob Novak, Norma Seibert, Alexis Cantela, John Cantela, Oscar Cantela, Katrina Kraegen, Victor Nuñez, Lex Colina, Ms. Merlyn Baker, Sister Babylyn Dulfo, Ms. Janiley Camarista, Irma Ramirez, Lilia Garcia-Nuñez, Lulu Rullan, Rich Guenzel, Priests, Nuns, Sponsors/Donors, Ms. Janiley's family and the entire Saint Charles Caritas*

*\*We prayed for Saint Charles Caritas and all Officers*

*\*Rented Speaker is not available at the moment, which is why we do ACAPELLA.*

*\*Ice Breaker: Weather Game*

*\*We sang Awit sa Ina ng Santo Rosario, Kirei Eleison, and Alleluia*

*\*For New Groupings, we divide the class into 5 groups, and each group consists of 11*

*or 12 kids, we also appoint a leader who will lead the group with the help of their assistant.*

*\*Good thing that we grouped them since we can easily know who's absent and present as well as we can easily distinguish the needs of children based on the level of their understanding.*

*\*Mystery for today's Rosary: Joyful Mystery: - JR - Keyjames - Rachel - Flordelyn - Keysha Mae*

*\* Activity 1: Sign of the Cross, and What the children learned (Recap and Summary)*

*\*3 Persona (Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit)*

*\* Activity 2: Quiz bee about Pray The Rosary*

*\*Memorization (Apostles Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be*

*\*Question & Answer about the Bible.*

*\*We gave chocolate bars, mini chocolates, and vitamins to children.*

*\* Blessed the food led by Ikay*

*\*Children volunteered to arrange chairs and helped us to clean the area before & after the session*

*Assignments:*

*\*Pray Rosary at home*

*\*Study & Recall the Prayers*

*\*Teach your family, friends, and (neighborhood how to pray the rosary*

*\*Read your Bible and pray every day.*

*\*Attend Holy Mass every Sunday*

*Children and Volunteers Food:*

*\* Spaghetti with Puto, Tang Orange, Taho, and children;s vitamins*

*No. of Children - 55*

*No. of Volunteers- 3 (Teacher Regine, Teacher Analiza, and Mary Jane )"*









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12/16/23, **Picture 1**, Sr. Julie, Carmelite Sister distribute the snacks bars to the children. She guides and give formation to these children. **Pictures 2 to 5**, the Carmelite Sisters had their Christmas children party, and distributed snacks bars donated by Saint



Charles Caritas.



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**Collage 1, picture 1**, from teacher Analiza, *"Prince's Update as of 12/16/2023"*

Happy holiday, everyone 🙏

*Prince Yuan Altesin, a 6 years old kid and a kindergarten student here in Pintong Gubat Elementary School, Paliparan 3, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, Philippines. He likes to eat, drink milk, and play. He takes 4 medications every day for his heart disease. He loves to go to school and pray the rosary session every Sunday. He knows how to write, draw, color, and pray.*

*He is always present to pray the rosary session every Sunday along with his sister(April Aliah), He is always looking forward every Sunday. He really loves rosary sessions. It's also nice that even his classmates in a rosary session never forget to pray for his fast healing and recovery. We thank God for their life.*

*Last October 2023 he had a follow up check up in Philippine Heart Center and we were advised by his Doctor that his next follow up consultation and result will be next year February 2024 --by that time we will know whether Prince will take medication as maintenance or he will go under surgery. (This is also the schedule of his next 2D ECHO)*

***We really need your prayers for Prince. We, as his family, are looking forward to better results, and we know that God has mercy. We surrender everything to him.***

*We want to thank each and everyone who keeps praying and supporting our little Prince for his battle. We really appreciate it.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*Again, thank you, and God bless."*

**Picture 2: Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA** gave 2 boxes of milk (from Brother Joe Bajo) and diapers to baby Gabriela (long distance adopted).





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It's Christmas vacation time! Some of the Philippines charities, will resume next year 2024.  
God bless us all!

**Thank you letters in Spanish and English from the Sisters in Tijuana/Ensenada, Mexico charities that we are helping:**

**From Casa de Cuna Catolica**

*Dios es caridad*

*Nada puede ser más sublime, más grande, que el amor que se inclina de este modo, que desciende, que se hace dependiente. La gloria del verdadero Dios se hace visible cuando se abren los ojos del corazón ante el establo de Belén.*

*Donde ha brotado la fe en aquel Niño, ha florecido también la caridad: la bondad hacia los demás, la atención solícita a los débiles y los que sufren, la gracia del perdón. Papa Benedicto XVI*

*Casa de Cuna Troncoso y Berruecos*

*Agradece todo su apoyo a sus benefactores SAINT CHARLES CARITAS y les desean FELIZ NAVIDAD Y PRÓSPERO AÑO NUEVO 2024.*

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*"God is charity*

*Nothing can be more sublime, greater than the love that bows down this mode, which descends, which becomes dependent. The glory of the true God becomes visible when the eyes of the heart open before the stable of Bethlehem. Where faith has sprung up in that Child, charity has also flourished: kindness towards others, attention Solicitous for the weak and the suffering, the grace of forgiveness." Pope Benedict XVI*

**Troncoso and Berruecos Crib House**

*Thank you for all your support to your benefactors of SAINT CHARLES CARITAS, and wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024.*



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**From Santa Teresita, home for girls**

*Ensenada Baja California, diciembre 24 del 2023.*

*Respetables Sacerdotes, Merlyn y Feligreses de  
Caritas de San Charles*

*Queridos Amigos,  
Las Religiosas "Siervas del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y de los Pobres" y la Niñas de Casa Hogar "Santa Teresita" por medio de la presente AGRADECEMOS sinceramente el gran apoyo que recibimos por parte de Ustedes, que con gran generosidad comparten con nosotros, gracias a este apoyo podemos hospedar, alimentar y brindar educación primaria y secundaria a las niñas que por diferentes situaciones familiares no pueden ser atendidas por sus padres, Merlyn conoce esta obra y a las niñas y sabe que aquí hacemos rendir los alimentos que nos donan y los aprovechamos al máximo. Gracias a las personas que contribuyen a esta causa, que Dios les recompense con abundantes bendiciones.*

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*Respectable Priests, Merlyn, and Parishioners of  
Caritas de San Charles*

*Dear Friends,  
The Sisters "Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Poor" and the Girls of Casa Hogar "Santa Teresita" hereby sincerely THANK YOU for the great support we received from you, and with great generosity shared with us. Thank you with this support that we are able to feed and provide the primary and secondary education to these girls that is due to different family situations, cannot be cared for by their parents. Merlyn knows this work, and the girls knows that the food donated to us were served to them.  
Thank you to the people who contribute to this cause, may God reward you with abundant blessings.*

*Sincerely*

*Sister María Socorro Tototzintle Muñoz  
CEO*





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**From Elderly of Saint John Paul II, home for the elderly**

*Del Asilo Juan Pablo II, les deseamos una Feliz Navidad y Año Nuevo, lleno de Esperanza y confianza en Dios junto a toda la familia. Pedimos a Jesús Niño que les recompense todo su esfuerzo y entrega incondicional en favor de los más vulnerables, estando entre ellos los de este Asilo quienes somos beneficiados. Un abrazo para cada uno de ustedes y les confirmamos nuestro recuerdo en la oración.*

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*From Asilo John Paul II, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year, full of Hope and Trust in God together with your family. We ask the Child Jesús to reward you for all your efforts and unconditional dedication for the most vulnerable and poor beneficiaries. A hug to each one of you, and we will remember you in our prayers.*





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**From the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

*Agradecemos a Saint Charles Caritas por todo su apoyo a nuestra comunidad contemplativa. Y deseamos abundantes bendiciones sobre ustedes y sus familias.*

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We thank Saint Charles Caritas for all their support to our contemplative community. And we wish abundant blessings upon you and your families.



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May God many blessings to us all and thank you so much volunteers and benefactors!

*Merlyn Baker and Team*

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