

## Directing Our Mission

### Daughters of Charity Spotlight— Sister Consuelo Tovar

**S**ister Consuelo is the Director of Mission Integration at Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio. She promotes the mission of DCSSA with community collaborators and partners. Her passion: to make a difference in the lives of families living in poverty.

**Question:** Tell me about some of the ways you bring the DCSSA mission to the community who are unaware of what we do.

**Sister Consuelo:** I think our living in the community where we serve helps us bring our mission in a unique way. First we have the same experience that the people we serve have: we live with the same problems they do. We live in an area that is economically segregated and so we know the issues and problems they have; for instance, in renovating their homes, in finding affordable grocery stores within walking distances; having a consistent San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) unit officer in the neighborhood. We have a clearer lens for understanding the needs of the people we serve. (Continued on page 2)



### Adopt-A-Senior for Christmas

Daughters of Charity Services' Adopt-a-Senior for Christmas program helps many senior citizens who are isolated and living alone.

Under the Adopt a Senior program, a sponsor may assist a single senior or a couple with presents, a food basket and hygiene products. 300 senior citizens need adopting this year.

**If you would like to help us provide a special Christmas to these seniors, please complete the attached form.**

For more information, call (210) 334-2300.



### ADOPT-A-SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- ☐ YES, I want to shop for a senior. Please send me more information
- ☐ YES, I'd like to donate a \$25 H-E-B gift card for a senior
- ☐ YES I'd like to sponsor a senior. Enclosed is my contribution of:  
☐\$25 ☐\$50 ☐\$100 ☐\$200 ☐Other\_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Adopt-A-Senior

Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio  
7607 Somerset Road— San Antonio, TX 78211  
Or Scan and Email to [adulho@dcssa.org](mailto:adulho@dcssa.org)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Dear Friends,

Our staff, volunteers and I had recently the great privilege of celebrating Mass with Father Greg Gay on the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul. It was a true day of both celebration and self-examination for each of us as we heard about St. Vincent's commitment to serving the poor. And it reminded me that even on days where we feel we are serving well, we still encounter the upside-down equation of need versus resources.

We are now in the holiday season, characterized by a heightened attention to caring, giving, and sharing. I personally needed a reminder that even during a year speckled with a few bumps and bruises, I am able to count my many blessings. (Yes, mom, your constant reminder is ever present, and I can't wait to introduce you to your first great-grandchild in just a few weeks!)



Won't you join me in making giving to DCSSA a part of your holiday tradition as a way to share with others? We've enclosed an envelope to make it simple. Charitable contributions to DCSSA are tax deductible and are put to work providing important services that give people a hand up in their time of need. Whether it's a child receiving quality early childhood education, a teenager in need of individual counseling, or a senior citizen who needs an extra boost from the food pantry, your gifts translate to making a meaningful and tangible difference to those we serve.

I can't think of a better gift!



Mike

P.S. If you'd like to see our work firsthand, please feel free to call us at (210) 334-2300 to schedule a tour of our facilities.

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And that helps me be able to recruit time, talent and treasure from donors and benefactors and corporations, who become collaborators and partners in mission but also from parishioners and interfaith neighbors who want to participate and share in the mission of giving.

**Q: What part of your ministry do you find challenging after almost 50 years as a Daughter?**

**SC:** I've been a Daughter of Charity for 48 years! What I find challenging and exhilarating, in my ministry and in the work I do, is bringing diverse people together and engaging them to dream together, conspire



together and to use their creative juices to improve the lives of our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

**Q: What are some ways we can make an impact in the lives of those around us?**

**SC:** The most impact we can have in the lives of those we serve is by being more present and attentive to the persons who come seeking assistance from us, and this can begin with something as simple as a smile. People simply need to have their dignity as a person be recognized and respected. St. Vincent de Paul once said "It is only because of your love that



the poor will forgive you the bread you give them." And for those of us in the Vincentian Tradition, we know that treating each person with kindness and love is the first thing we do, and then whatever assistance we are able to provide is secondary.



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### Mission Statement

Faithful to the Vincentian tradition, the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio will establish and maintain neighborhood-based programs to increase accessibility to primary health care and human services on the part of the poor. These programs will have a strong holistic orientation and consider participation and empowerment as an integral dimension of the service delivery. While services will be rendered with preferential option for the poor, it is not to the exclusion of others.

### Service Locations

Main Phone Number: **(210) 334-2300**

DePaul Family Center

7607 Somerset Road  
San Antonio, TX 78211

DePaul Children's Center

3050 Golden Avenue  
San Antonio, TX 78211

DePaul-Wesley Children's Center

1418 Fitch  
San Antonio, TX 78211

El Carmen Wellness Center

18555-1 Leal Road  
San Antonio, TX 78221

La Misión Family Health Care

19780 South US Hwy 281  
San Antonio, TX 78221

# Navigating the Affordable Care Act

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Marketplace is happening now. Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Daughters of Charity Navigator team will assist consumers who seek to enroll in a plan for calendar year 2017. The team, funded by a grant from the federal government, serves Bexar, Atascosa, Karnes, Wilson and DeWitt counties.

The Affordable Care Act enables people who do not have access to an insurance plan through their employers to shop for a policy from a menu of plans offered by private insurance companies. The healthcare reform law has many important



features but one of the most notable is that people with pre-existing health conditions such as diabetes or cancer cannot be denied coverage and their premiums are the same as those who are healthy. People with low to moderate incomes receive subsidies to pay most or a sizable portion of the monthly premium. Copayments for qualifying

individuals and families with lower incomes are reduced substantially.

Last year 1.2 million Texans enrolled in Marketplace plans with 68% of those paying less than \$100 per month for their insurance premiums.

All Navigator assistance is free. Those seeking help can call 210-334-2335 or toll free 1-844-293-2335 for an appointment. Navigators are available at most of the libraries in the area as well as at the DePaul Family Center and La Misión Family Health Care, operated by the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio.

# Feeling Cool About Back-to-School

The Adopt-A-Child for Back to School Program celebrated its 21st year providing for South side families. "After more than two decades, I continue to be amazed at the abundance of generosity within the San Antonio Community," declares Adele Dufilho, Lead Volunteer of the Adopt-A-Child Program.

For the last 21 years, our numbers have grown to meet the needs of almost 10,000 children total. This year alone, the members of the St. Vincent de Paul community sponsored 300 students, ensuring each child could walk into the new school year with confidence.

"It isn't just supplies our families need," Adele explains. "It's underwear; it's socks, it's shoes and clothes. For our families, a new pair of shoes may not be feasible, so we hope to help them worry a little less." While many organizations focus on pencils, calculators, or notebooks, Daughters of Charity Services understands the complete picture.

Through the immense generosity of the San Antonio community and our partners, Adopt-A-Child exceeded its



goal of assisting 600 children.

With 21 successful years behind us, we look forward to continuing our mission for many years to come.


For more information about this program, contact Adele Dufilho at [adufilho@dcssa.org](mailto:adufilho@dcssa.org)

## ADOPT-A-CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL IN NUMBERS

- ★ 608 CHILDREN ASSISTED
- ★ 173 SPONSORS
- ★ 100% OF FAMILIES ARE THANKFUL

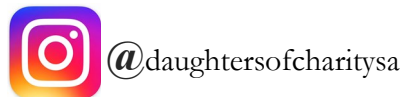
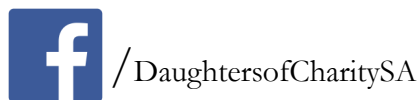
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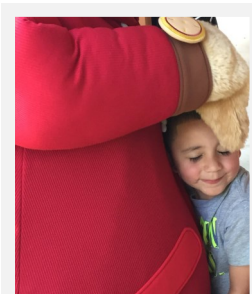
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