



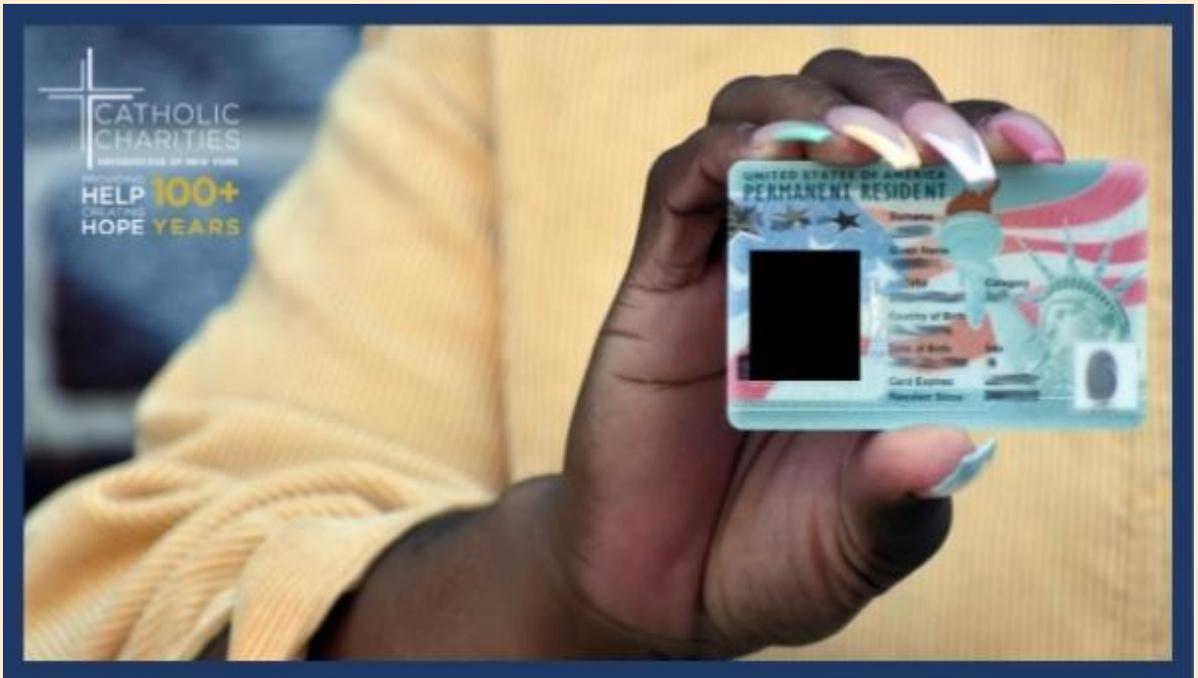
Catholic Charities Featured Stories



Women Helping Women: Support Programs are a Lifeline During the Pandemic

“I no longer see these women as just a group. I see them as family. These are my sisters now” says Nancy Cabrera, a social worker with one of the support groups *Comunidad Juan Diego* (CDJ). These groups are designed to create safe spaces for women, many of whom are single mothers and immigrants.

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A Child Alone and Scared. Rebeca's Journey from Honduras to US Resident

“My immigration journey started when I stepped foot in Guatemala in September 2005, crossing the border from Honduras on my way to the United States. At sixteen, life was very bad at home for many reasons, and I needed to leave all that I had known. Within hours of entering the United States, I was taken into the custody of the Department of Homeland Security.

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SNAP and Thrifty Food Plans: Catholic Charities New York Speaks to USDA on Behalf of the People

The USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture, rural development and nutrition. But did you know they also make key decisions on what a nutritious diet is and how much it would cost? Anne Kibrick of Catholic Charities Community Services provides expert opinion to The US Department of Agriculture on food insecurity.

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DARREN WALTERS MY STORY



Darren's Journey: From Prison and Addiction to a Beacon of Hope *Part One of Two*

Darren Walters has experienced a lot during his lifetime. Overcoming institutionalization, prison, lifetime parole, and addiction, he turned his life around with the help of his team at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York. Through the Beacon of Hope Program, he was placed in an apartment and in treatment support. Life was getting better and Darren found a job he liked. Then a trip to the emergency room at the height New York's COVID-19 pandemic resulted in emergency hip surgery.

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Darren's Journey: Covid-19, Emergency Surgery and the Healing Bed. Part 2 of 2

PART 2 of 2: Darren Walters has experienced a lot during his lifetime. Overcoming institutionalization, prison, lifetime parole, and addiction, he turned his life around with the help of his team at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York. When he learned he contracted COVID-19 and his life took a turn.

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Spotlight: Kerly Coyman - Path to Citizenship and Migration Counselor

Earlier this month, Catholic Charities migration counselor Kerly Coyman was naturalized as a United States citizen. Kerly was born in Honduras and came to the U.S. at the age of 14. Undocumented as a teenager, Kerly was eventually approved for a green card. This enabled Kerly to continue her education and eventually start a career working to help others in her position. This was also the first step in Kerly's naturalization journey.

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