

REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT SERVICES

In 1948, the Diocese of Lincoln began resettling families displaced by World War II. In 1960, CSS expanded its resettlement program in response to the Cuban crisis. CSS offers many of the services involved with helping families integrate into the community, including:

- Community & Cultural Orientation
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- English Language & Citizenship Classes
- Employment Services

Additionally, CSS is certified by the Department of Justice to practice immigration law. We assist clients by compiling, writing, and submitting forms to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). We walk with clients throughout the whole application process, which may take months to years. Our mission-driven and multi-lingual immigration legal services team serves individuals across the Diocese of Lincoln out of our Lincoln office. We accept all forms of payment for fees.

To learn more, contact our Director of Refugee & Immigrant Services at (402) 327-6231.



VOLUNTEER WITH US

CSS offers many opportunities for individuals, families, and parish communities to serve those in need. Volunteers **feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty** through our Open Table Sack Lunch Program. Volunteers **shelter the homeless** by helping with our furniture services. Volunteers **clothe the naked** by assisting at our CSS Gift & Thrift Stores. Volunteers **sustain Hope in the Good Life** by helping with our recycling efforts.

Our mission is about service to one another, including the disabled, the aged, the newcomer, and the poor among us. Join us in this important work as a CSS Hastings volunteer!

Submit an online volunteer application at csshope.org



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#HopeInTheGoodLife



Hastings Programs & Services

Love for others, and especially for the poor, is made concrete by promoting justice.

- Pope Saint John Paul II

ABOUT US

Mission

Our mission as Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska is to **perform the Works of Mercy** in response to the call of God.

Vision

Our vision is to **inspire hope and love in every encounter.**

CSS Core Values

- Dignity
- Integrity
- Empathy
- Trust
- Sustainability



ST. JOSEPH GIFT & THRIFT

Our sorted, clean, and organized **Gift & Thrift stores** are another way CSS brings Hope in the Good Life while elevating the dignity of the person. **CSS Hastings operates St. Joseph Gift & Thrift**, located at 325 W 2nd St. Individuals who cannot afford items in our stores can apply to receive items for free through our Family Support Services (FSS) program. All funds from resold items are then used to assist clients and families needing financial assistance for rent, utilities, medical bills, or gas. **As a vital part of our sustainability efforts, if we cannot resell or regift an item, we recycle it so it can be repurposed and help the environment.** All store merchandise has been donated by our generous supporters.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (FSS)

Our team meets with households requesting assistance with food, shelter, utilities, and other urgent needs. Based on our assessment, we may provide personal care items, direct cash assistance for rent, utilities, etc., as well as budgeting and household management information, and/or referrals to alternative agencies or services based on client need.

Additionally, one of the greatest obstacles to sustainable employment is the lack of safe and reliable transportation. CSS receives, repairs, and donates vehicles to those in need.

FURNITURE SERVICE

We accept donations of used furniture in good condition. If needed, slight repairs are performed by our volunteers. Clients apply for furniture assistance and the items are delivered to their home by our team.

SACK LUNCH PROGRAM

Our Open Table Sack Lunch Program is a collaborative effort with various local churches and organizations from the Hastings area. Sack lunches are prepared and distributed daily from our office. Anyone may request a lunch, no questions asked.

