



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

Hope in the Good Life

May 2023

St. Joseph/Jose Quintero

Directing us to the Son

“Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph, without having obtained it readily.”

-St. Padre Pio

As head of the Holy Family, St. Joseph’s role was to provide for and protect his family. In Heaven, one of his roles now is as our powerful intercessor. He has a deep love for us all and desires nothing more than to direct us to his Son. When we go to St. Joseph with faith, we can’t help but be drawn into a deeper relationship with our Lord.



For many reasons, Jose Quintero had a deep devotion to St. Joseph. Much like his favorite saint, Jose loved to direct people to Jesus.

In 2002, Jose began volunteering in the food pantry of Catholic Social Services in Lincoln, located at the Blessed John XXII Center at the time. Jose had a deep passion for the mis-

sion of Catholic Social Services, and for feeding the hungry. He developed relationships with local food sources, including three Panera Bread locations, setting up weekly donations from these businesses. Jose convinced the former Ideal Grocery store to provide dairy, potatoes and cheese at a price just above cost. He identified local areas of need and made the food deliveries to them three times a week. He made sure that everyone receiving assistance was aware that it came from Catholic Social Services in the hopes of attracting interest in the Faith he so loved.

Jose continued to volunteer after the CSS Lincoln offices moved to 23rd and O Street. He added teaching English once weekly at our Guadalupe Center at the CSS O Street location. Jose loved to give a tour of our pantry and was especially proud of our walk-in freezer!

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LINCOLN FOOD MARKET & MEAL SERVICES

Fiscal Year 2022 Impact



141,924
Pounds of food distributed

13,848
Meals served

7,170
Clients helped

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When CSS moved to the O Street location, the bread donations continued from Panera. Volunteers would pick up the items in the evening after business hours. They had access to the CSS office and would drop the bread off in the food pantry. When training volunteers for this process, Jose made it a point to tell them to be sure to stop and visit Jesus in the chapel. He wanted these volunteers who were bringing bread for the nourishment of our clients to visit the Bread of Life for *their* nourishment.

Our good friend Jose passed away on June 16, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and their children Katie and Matthew. We are happy to hold the 27th annual CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction in honor of Jose. This year's tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 4th at Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln.

Thank you, Jose, for all you did for CSS over the years. But especially thank you for directing us to the Son.

For information on how you can be a part of the CSS Memorial Golf Tourney & Auction, visit csshope.org.



Calling all auction items!

Do you have an antique or collectible item that is collecting dust? Maybe a nice vehicle you no longer need? We're starting to collect auction items for our CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction. The silent auction has been held online, allowing folks from all over to participate and support this important fundraiser. If you or your business have an item, service or idea for a silent auction item, drop us a note in the enclosed envelope or contact John McDermott at (402) 430-5626, or e-mail the information to hello@csshope.org. Keep watching csshope.org for details on how you can take part in the 27th annual CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction.

