Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

On my first day as Executive Director, I addressed the staff and told them that we are considered a *best friend* to thousands of people throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Everyone in the room was asked to think about their best friend and to focus on what their most important trait was, as well as the biggest impact they felt from them. The overwhelming response was, “my best friend is always there for me, especially during the most difficult times.”

Catholic Charities is always there in difficult times to help those in need. Whether it’s providing food, clothing, housing support, education or any of the other services we offer, people depend on us. We hope that you will be generous once again this holiday season so that we are able to continue providing help and creating hope where often there is none.

Thank you for opening your hearts and sending a Christmas donation to assist those most vulnerable. Your support is greatly appreciated and you continue to inspire us all to be the *best friend* we can be to those who need us most. Thank you for making the world a better place.

May peace and blessings be with you during this Christmas season and always.

Jeff Negrete
Executive Director