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## Catholic Charities USA awarded \$4 million by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to provide humanitarian aid during COVID-19 health emergency

Alexandria, Va. (April 7, 2020) – Sister Donna Markham OP, PhD, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), announced that CCUSA received a \$4 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as part of its \$50 million effort to provide humanitarian aid to help families and communities feeling the greatest strain under the COVID-19 health emergency.

"This grant will assist our agencies across the United States with funds to continue services to the most vulnerable people in our communities," Sr. Markham said. "So many are experiencing desperate situations because of loss of jobs and income during the crisis. This money will help us provide much needed food, emergency housing support and access to telehealth."

CCUSA is the national office of 166 member agencies across the U.S. Catholic Charities serves all people regardless of background. Catholic Charities agencies are on the frontline, committed to serving the needs of those living in poverty and the most vulnerable in our communities. Please visit <u>www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org</u> for additional information on our work.

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