



Since 1946, the NCCW - CRS Partnership Programs allow members and councils across America to reach out in solidarity to the women, children and families in need around the world. Catholic Relief Services serves the American Church in places that most of us will never see. Partnering with CRS allows us to provide the direct aid needed in emergencies as well as the sustained, systemic

change needed to lift people out of poverty. Our contributions---from rummage sales and craft shows, bake sales and collections, Work of Human Hands catalogue sales and international-themed meetings---become the hands and feet of Jesus through dedicated CRS workers throughout the world.

The results are dramatic and life changing! Dry arid sands become life-affirming gardens. Forgotten children—especially girls---are given the gift of education. Pregnant mothers find pre-natal and life-saving nutrition and infant care. Women can receive small grants for micro-economic development. Girls and women are freed from a life of carrying wood and water for miles when a well is built in their village and conservation planting allows for trees to once again flourish. Community involvement in building and maintaining the wells and water systems assures a lasting impact. Most importantly, the dignity God intended for every person is returned to people in developing countries with every dollar we raise and send to Water for Life, the Madonna Plan, the Refugee Women Emergency Fund or Help-a-Child.

Choose one----or choose them all----but don't let this year pass without making the NCCW – CRS Partnership Programs a priority in your personal giving and the work of your Parish CCW. Remember, every donation counts. TOGETHER, my KDCCW sisters, we can change the world!

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