



**Catholic  
Charities**  
of the Archdiocese of  
Galveston-Houston

## **ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES:**

Founded in 1943, Catholic charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston provides social services to the community aimed at promoting and facilitating self-sufficiency. More than 90,000 people in need are served annually through a full network of services grounded in Catholic social teaching and delivered with dignity and respect.

## **ABOUT SERENITY HOUSE:**

Serenity House offers temporary and affordable housing to patients and their families who travel to Houston for treatment at the Texas Medical Center. The program seeks to provide a “home away from home” during this difficult time.

Housing options for those undergoing lengthy treatment can be prohibitively expensive. Moreover, many patients and their families are already struggling with financial burdens due to lost time on the job, travel and medical expenses. These financial burdens add to the stress they face in dealing with life threatening illnesses.

Catholic Charities is one of the largest providers in a coalition of churches and religious denomination that work together with Texas Medical Center institutions to provide affordable housing to out-of-town patients and their families.

### **PROGRAM SERVICES**

- 16 furnished apartment units
- 15 rooms available for short term (minimum 3 days)
- Location in close proximity to the Texas Medical Center.
- Low-cost shuttle bus transportation to from hospitals.

### **A Message from the Founder**

“Through my own real-life experience with cancer in my family, I discovered the hardships many family face when looking for temporary housing in our city. The need for something affordable, secure and convenient to the Medical Center is apparent. The need is a real one.” Pat Coldewey



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*providing help.  
creating hope.*

**For volunteer opportunities, please contact  
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