



## Bring HOPE and JOY through the ADVENT Giving Tree to help:



**Office of Prison Ministry  
Diocese of Phoenix**

This Advent season also help bring the LOVE and PEACE of Christmas to children, families and individuals served by Catholic Charities Community Services (CCCS) and The Diocese of Phoenix Prison Ministry Programs. Choose a star on the tree and return the star and gift card to the Parish Office by **December 16, 2019**. Your gifts will be distributed by Catholic Charities and Diocese of Phoenix Prison Ministry staff to the children, families and individuals in:

**Family Support Programs** – CCCS provides comprehensive in home and community based services to reduce risk factors that could lead to an out-of-home placement of children. CCCS also offers substance abuse treatment and supportive services to DCS referred families to assure child safety and to promote family stability through recovery.

**Foster Care**- Every day thousands of children find themselves in the care of the state or in our country. CCCS recruits, licenses and trains close to 300 families that offer a caring, nurturing home to these children, whether it is with relatives or a loving adoptive family.

**Affordable Housing** –CCCS provides short-term emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing for low-income vulnerable individuals (including veterans, seniors) and families in our communities, along with supportive services necessary to help them move from crisis to stability and thriving.

**Prison Ministry** - The Diocese of Phoenix Office of Prison Ministry strives to “go forth” with the joy of the Gospel and to be missionary disciples to the poor, especially the poor who are in need within the county jails and state prisons. It is our belief that by bringing Christ to the incarcerated and their families, we can assist them to encounter the living Christ in their day-to-day activities, social life and the familial experiences that create their individual realities.

**THANK YOU again for caring and the help you give to those who need it.  
You are a “miracle maker”... truly a blessing to them and to our community  
during this season of Advent.**

For more information on Catholic Charities programs, services, and volunteer opportunities visit:  
[www.catholiccharitiesaz.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org) or call 602-650-4840