

**New stimulus bill contains provisions that will help immigrant families where at least one adult has a Social Security Number.** The stimulus bill signed into law late December allows stimulus funds to be given to families where at least one adult has a Social Security number. (Families with one parent with Social Security and one without documents were denied stimulus funds last year.) The new Economic Impact Payments authorizes not only the \$600 stimulus for an adult this year, but enables families to retroactively receive the \$1200 from last year.

Parishioners who need assistance to claim these benefits are invited to email the Catholic Charities VITA program. This program will assist families to file their taxes and receive this year and last year's stimulus benefit checks. [ccvirtualvita@gmail.com](mailto:ccvirtualvita@gmail.com) Bilingual staff and volunteers are available to assist parishioners.

Catholic Charities staff are training parish volunteers how to fill out tax forms to assist parishioners who need to file their taxes or receive the stimulus checks. If your parish would like to train volunteers, please contact [Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org](mailto:Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org).

**La nueva ley de estímulo contiene disposiciones que ayudaran a las familias inmigrantes donde al menos un adulto de la familia tenga un Número de Seguro Social.** El proyecto de ley de estímulo firmado a finales de diciembre permite que se den fondos de estímulo a las familias en las que al menos un adulto tenga un número de Seguro Social. (A las familias con uno de los padres tenga un Numero de Seguro Social y uno sin documentos a quienes se les negaron los fondos de estímulo el año pasado.) Los nuevos pagos de Impacto Económico no solo autorizan el de \$600 para un adulto este año, sino que permite a las familias que reciban el estímulo de los \$1200 del año pasado.

Los feligreses que necesiten ayuda para reclamar estos beneficios son invitados a enviar un correo electrónico al programa VITA de Caridades Católicas [ccvirtualvita@gmail.com](mailto:ccvirtualvita@gmail.com). Este programa ayudara a las familias a presentar sus impuestos y recibir los cheques de beneficios de estímulo de este año y del año pasado. Tenemos personal bilingües y voluntarios que están disponibles para ayudar a los feligreses.

El personal de Caridades Católicas está capacitando a los voluntarios de las parroquias sobre cómo llenar los formularios de impuestos para ayudar a los feligreses que necesiten presentar sus impuestos o recibir los cheques de estímulo. Si su parroquia desea capacitar a voluntarios, comuníquese con Laura Yeomans: [Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org](mailto:Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org).

## **Second Round of Economic Impact Payments: Questions**

**What if some, but not all, of my family members have a Social Security Number (SSN)?** Legislation passed late December modifies the taxpayer identification requirement in the CARES Act to include families where some, but not all, members have SSNs. For couples filing jointly, at least one spouse must provide a valid SSN to receive their portion of the payment or credit. For taxpayers with qualifying children, at least one spouse must provide a valid SSN plus the SSN for each qualifying child.

This modification is made retroactively to the date of enactment of the CARES Act, meaning

that it also applies to the first round of assistance provided last year. Eligible families who did not receive an assistance payment last year because one spouse does not have an SSN will be able to file their taxes and receive last year's stimulus checks as well.

**What are the identification requirements to receive an EIP?**

A taxpayer must provide a Social Security number (SSN) in order to receive a payment and must provide SSNs for any qualifying children in order to receive payment for those children. Last year families with one parent with a Social Security number and one without documents were denied payments. However, this year families with one parent with a Social Security number are eligible to receive benefits.

**How large are the economic impact payments?**

The size of your payments depends on your adjusted gross income and family size. The maximum payment amount is \$600 for each taxpayer with a Social Security Number (\$1,200 for joint filers), and \$600 per qualifying child with a Social Security Number.