

Carbon Street Home Collapse 6/18/2024 Statement

On Tuesday, June 18, a home on Carbon Street collapsed, resulting in severe injuries to those inside the residence. We can confirm that a family of six associated with Catholic Charities' refugee resettlement program was inside the house at the time of the incident, visiting the family that lives in the home.

Upon learning that our clients may have been affected, Catholic Charities staff promptly arrived at the site, during search and recovery efforts. Subsequently, Catholic Charities personnel went to the hospital to aid in the identification process. We learned that five out of the six family members sustained serious injuries.

"Our immediate and primary focus is caring for and assisting the family during this heartbreaking time. This is a devastating and tragic situation. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted," stated Michael Melara, Executive Director of Catholic Charities. "Our staff members are understandably shaken, but remain fully committed to supporting the family."

Catholic Charities is profoundly grateful to the first responders who rescued each person from the home and for the medical professionals who are providing critical care to those injured. We humbly request continued prayers and warm thoughts for the recovery and healing of all those affected by this devastating event.

Catholic Charities did not resettle the family who resided in the home, but they had received other services offered by the program in the past. Catholic Charities is resettling the family who was visiting the home.