There was a story in the news last month about an apartment complex in California that sits on the edge of bluffs that were eroding due to El Nino. The apartments were condemned and the residents told they must evacuate or they might slide down the bluff and risk losing everything, possibly even their lives.

The image of those apartments inches away from the edge of the bluff graphically shows how many of our clients figuratively live – precariously, with an eroding foundation.

Imagine if you lived near those apartments and wanted to help the people inside. Your options are either (a) do something to fortify the foundation, or (b) help move the residents away from the edge.

Those two options describe what your contributions do here at Bishop Sullivan Center. We either fortify people’s own foundations by helping them find work, or we help move them from the edge by giving them food or helping keep their lights on. Last year we helped 363 people find work. Each month we provide supplemental food for about 1200 families.

One family we helped pull from the edge is Dusten and Kristy and their 3 boys (pictured here). Kristy was away from her job due to health complications after the birth of her third child. Her husband works in construction and does not get as many hours in the winter, so, they fell behind on their rent and risked eviction. We helped with the rent payment and moved them back from “the edge”.

Kristy said, “Thank you. This gives us a second chance to support our kids, so we don’t have to give up everything we’ve worked for.”

Thanks to you, many people no longer live a precarious and potentially dangerous lifestyle.
A Double-Header

Bessie called and asked if there was any way we could get her a stove. Bessie is 88 years old and has lived in the same house for 50 years. She said that her gas stove finally gave up. Bessie lives on a minimum social security fixed income and expense of another stove would be difficult.

It so happens that a few months ago a woman, Kim, called to tell me that years ago we helped her and now she wants to give back. Kim recently started a business. She sells used appliances. Kim said if you ever need an appliance I will give it to you “dirt cheap.” We bought a gas stove from Kim for $150 which Kim delivered and hooked-up for Bessie.

Bessie was happy with a stove that worked, and Kim was happy to help and happy for the business.

Kim is launching a new business that sells used appliances.

Bessie couldn't afford a new stove.

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Sheraton Hotel – Crown Center • 2345 McGee Street

Silent Auction & Dinner begin at 6 pm • Live Auction begins at 8 pm
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Single Ticket Price: $60 • Table Price (Tables of 10): $550
Casual Attire - Royals gear encouraged

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3. Walt Disney World Package for Two Adults, Two Children for Six Nights with Airfare.

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Christian Colon celebrates after hitting in the winning run that captured the Series. To keep World Series fever going, feel free to wear Royals attire to the auction this year.