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Rise Up AND Act for Justice

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NAC Visits WVA to Advance Child Tax Credit in US Senate Press Conference on Tuesday May 24 in Charleston

(Silver Spring, MD) – “The Child Tax Credit is one of the most successful bipartisan programs in recent memory. We have travelled to West Virginia to let folks know that they matter; they are not forgotten; they deserve a level playing field and the Child Tax Credit provides that opportunity,” said Fran Eskin-Royer, Executive Director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd (NAC).

NAC is joining with Catholic Charities of West Virginia, NETWORK and others for a press conference in Charleston on the Child Tax Credit to be followed by the delivery of a letter to Senator Joe Manchin’s Charleston office.

**Faith Leaders Call for Expanding the Child Tax Credit
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 | 11:00 am – 11:30 am
St. John’s Episcopal Church
1105 Quarrier St, Charleston, WV 25301**

“The expanded Child Tax Credit enacted last summer by Congress helped clear the field with incredible and quick results. After only a one-month allotment of \$250 to \$300 per child, those adults living with children who reported their households did not have enough to eat dropped by an extraordinary 3.3 million or nearly one third nationwide,” said Eskin-Royer.

“And knowing that so many children and therefore so many families in West Virginia and around the country were rebounding and seeing opportunity only then to be dropped from the Child Tax Credit program and lose ground is heartbreaking,” said Leslye Colvin, Policy Advocate for the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

“Families have lived through a pandemic which continues to affect health, education and employment, and now are experiencing skyrocketing fuel and food prices. How much more challenging is it for families living in poverty or straddling the gap into the solidly middle class? By permanently expanding the CTC, nearly every family in West Virginia will receive a boost helping clear their paths for their own individual journeys,” said Colvin.

[The National Advocacy Center](https://www.gsadvocacy.org) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The National Advocacy Center reflects the spirituality, history and mission of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (better known as the Sisters of the Good Shepherd). The sisters and their agencies work in solidarity with the disenfranchised – particularly families, women and children – who often are forgotten, left-behind or dismissed.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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