



Office of Latino Affairs

August-September

Catholic Charities Lake County Services

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese serves both Cook and Lake Counties. In this issue, we'd like to share with you some information about our Lake County services.

Last year, Catholic Charities served over 46,000 residents of Lake County through a broad array of services provided in multiple sites across the county. Services span the age and need spectrums and focus on Crisis Assistance, Food and Shelter, Family Support, Counseling, Senior Services and tools for achieving Family Self-sufficiency. A complete listing of services can be found on our website: www.catholiccharities.net.

We are excited to begin a youth mentoring program in Lake County and are actively recruiting volunteer mentors. If you are at least 21 years old, own a car and have a valid Illinois driver's license/proof of insurance and, most importantly, are willing to meet regularly with a youth between the ages of 9 and 12, we invite you to begin the application process. Please contact Beth Sheehan-Lucas at 847-782-4224 or Lauren Wimpffen at 847-782-4126 for more information or to sign up.



In 2012, Lake County Regional Services provided food, shelter and financial assistance to more than 16,000 individuals.

Family Self-Sufficiency Program at Lake County

The Lake County Family Self-Sufficiency Program has positively impacted families working towards economic self-sufficiency since 1985. The Program is a past recipient of the Annie E Casey award and is recognized as a model program that provides comprehensive case management, advocacy, and supportive counseling and employment services to assist participants to become economically self-sufficient.

Participants meet with a case manager to develop an individualized service plan, complete with goals that emphasize education and/or training, providing participants with the skills needed to enter the present job market in the County. Additionally, participants attend meetings, which promote networking, job readiness and retention. Job placement, housing advocacy, counseling, financial and transportation assistance are also provided through numerous collaborations, referrals and partnerships with other organizations in Lake County.

The program holds 3 special events per year including an Annual Achievement Celebration, honoring participants who have graduated from the program over the past year. Participants are also recognized for achieving educational certifications or degrees and for maintaining employment for 6 months or longer.

"Program participants have told us that we have faith in them when they have lost faith in themselves. Family Self-Sufficiency is a wonderful program and together the participants and case managers chip away at the obstacles to achieving self-sufficiency."-----Maureen Murphy, LCSW, Assoc V-P Family and Parish Support Services.



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Ayudando Nuestras Familias Fundraiser Did You Know?

- Our 5th Annual Ayudando Nuestras Familias event will take place on October 10th at the National Museum of Mexican Art
- Proceeds of the event benefit our programs that serve and strengthen the Latino community
- Reservations are only \$75 and include appetizers, drinks and entrance to the Museum's Day of the Dead Exhibit
- Sponsorships opportunities are available at a variety of levels

Visit: www.catholiccharities.net/familias for more information

Information Social a Success

On August 22nd Monsignor Michael M. Boland welcomed over 60 guests to the Latino Advisory Committee Information Social. The event provided an opportunity for guests to learn more about Catholic Charities and invite them to become involved in our mission.

Latino Advisory Committee members Goya Vega Byrnes (Chair), Stella Gaytan (Co-Chair) and Clem Martin spoke at the event, as did Mark Mohlman, Chair of the Junior Board. Each shared their experience and motivation to join the mission of Catholic Charities. They also offered suggestions for ways to become involved, including opportunities to lead, volunteer and sponsor programs and events.

The Latino Advisory Committee is seeking to expand its membership to Lake County. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved with the Committee, please contact: Dalia Rocotello at: (312)-655-8492.



Monsignor Michael M. Boland, President of Catholic Charities with Committee member Melisa Abad



Latino Advisory Committee members: Clem Martin and Antonio Guillen with Fr. Wayne Watts, Associate Administrator at Catholic Charities

Wish List

For donations, please contact the Office of Latino Affairs via email latinoaffairs@catholiccharities.net

- Bilingual volunteers are needed and welcomed to help us live our mission. If you are interested and able to share your time and talent with us, please contact Zulma Colon at (312) 655-7323 or zcolon@catholiccharities.net
- Arts and crafts supplies for our Child Care and Family Strengthening programs
- Healthy snacks for after school programs
- Toiletries (toilet paper, soap, shampoo, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, paper towels, etc) for our Emergency Assistance Programs.

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www.catholiccharities.net/hunger



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- Organize a food drive for Catholic Charities in your neighborhood or at your business
- Sponsor a Catholic Charities Food Pantry
- Volunteer
- Donate online at www.catholiccharities.net/hunger
- In September, purchase and/or drop off food at one of 15 Walgreens Chicago Loop locations! See our website for details