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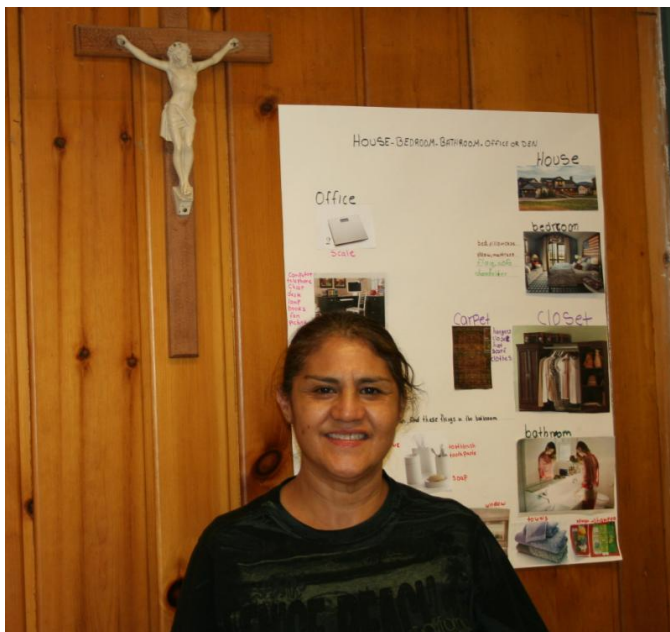
**Program Spotlight:
Catholic Charities Senior Aide Program**

The Catholic Charities Senior Aide Program is a community service employment program sponsored by Senior Services of America, Inc.

Participants aged 55 years or older can increase their job skills while they work a total of 20 hours per week in community agencies that provide a variety of services. More than 15 nonprofit organizations, including Catholic Charities, are host sites that employ Senior Aides. Many of the positions offered are greeters, clerks, child care aides, tutors and receptionists.

The program is truly a success. We invite you to read the experiences shared by Sylvia and Jose included in this E-Newsletter. Not only did they benefit from this program, but our services did as well!

We need your help. Our Senior Aide Program is in need of bilingual seniors to fill a number of immediate openings. If you, or someone you know, feels this program could be a good match, please contact Stephanie Johnigan at: 773-729-3919 or sjohnigan@catholiccharities.net for more information.



Norma Rodriguez, Senior Aide participant at our St. Mary of Celle Family Strengthening Center

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Did you know?

In 2013, the Catholic Charities Senior Aide Program:

- Provided site placements to 80 persons, aged 55 and over, seeking to fine-tune their job skills.
- These 80 participants offered over 72,600 hours of service to various nonprofit organizations throughout Chicagoland.
- After completing their job training, eighteen participants transitioned into regular employment.

Our Bishop Conway Senior Residence welcomes donations of a wide range of items to be used by their residents:

- Pre-packaged individual snacks, juices, water and sugar-free candy.
- New pillows and twin size bedding.
- Personal toiletries, lotions, hair spray, perfumes and air fresheners.
- Kitchen and Bath Towels, facial and hand washcloths, tableclothes.
- Used working TVs and DVD movies.
- New socks, under garments and men's white undershirts

To donate, please contact Kindle Wilfonger at 773-252-9941

Senior Aides Share Their Experiences

Two former Senior Aides shared their experience and the value of the Senior Aide program in their lives. Both are Latino and were placed at our St. Mary of Celle Family Strengthening Center located at Berwyn. Here is what they had to say:

"This program with Catholic Charities has helped me and my family through some difficult times. I, for one, have benefited from this program. I have been able to learn English and learn other things which I have lacked throughout my life. It gives older people like myself the opportunity to learn new and exciting things. It has helped me give back to the community I call home. Catholic Charities have changed many lives for the best. I am living proof." - Sylvia Noyola

"I have benefited from this program. It has helped me and my family get through difficult times. It has made me a better person... I believe this program does and will continue to benefit seniors. We get to continue to learn more and more each day"- Jose Noyola

We thank Sylvia and Jose for sharing their experiences and for contributing to our programs through their time with us!

Summer Carnival for Seniors and Families

Catholic Charities Bishop Conway Residence held its second annual Summer Carnival on August 7. More than 250 seniors and community residents shared in the fun, that included great food and games, along with awesome prizes and giveaways.

Our thanks to the more than 50 volunteers who came out and made the day a success! We also extend our thanks to all the sponsors and donors including Holy Family Villa, Sysco Food Services, Uvanta Pharmacy and Walgreens.

Bishop Conway Residence provides a supportive living community to seniors. Their services include three daily meals, medication management, activities, personal care assistance, laundry and housekeeping.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Gabriela Saldaña, at: 773-252-9941 or gsaldana@catholiccharities.net.



Cruz Dippini, Bishop Conway Resident, and Gabriela Saldaña- Program Director

SAVE THE DATE Ayudando Nuestras Familias / Helping our Families Fundraiser



The Catholic Charities Latino Advisory Committee invites you to join us for an evening of great fun, all for a great cause!

Our 6th Annual Cocktail Reception benefits our programs that serve and strengthen Latino families.

Each year, Catholic Charities touches the lives of over 230,000 Latinos living in Cook and Lake Counties.

NEW VENUE

**CARNIVALE RESTAURANT
CHICAGO
Thursday, OCTOBER 23rd
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Sponsorship Opportunities are available!

For more information about the event, please contact the Office of Latino Affairs: (312) 655-8492 or visit us at www.catholiccharities.net/familias.

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