



Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago OFFICE OF LATINO AFFAIRS

November 2015

Celebration of Giving

Now in its 68th year, Catholic Charities' annual *Celebration of Giving* is underway. The mission of *Celebration of Giving* is to provide children and families served by Catholic Charities and those in need in our communities with gifts and necessities during the holiday season.

In 2014, through the collection of donations from individuals, corporations and organizations, we distributed gifts and toys to **more than 25,000** children and families.

Join our efforts to spread the Christmas Spirit!

We invite families, friends, school groups, corporations, and individuals to get involved. Sponsor a family, provide gifts for our *Toy Shower*, offer financial support, or volunteer. Gifts will be collected from **December 1 through 16** at locations throughout the Chicagoland area. Help make Christmas wishes come true and fulfill wish list items for families in need!



To get involved, visit www.catholiccharities.net/celebration, call the *Celebration of Giving* Hotline (312) 655-7401, or email us at volunteer@catholiccharities.net.

Did You Know?

Our 68th annual *Toy Shower* invites children to experience the joy, magic and spirit of the holidays by providing each child with gifts -- new, unwrapped toys in their original packaging. This year, **33% of our *Toy Shower* recipients are Latino.**

Sponsor-a-Family reaches out to families who are most in need, responding to their basic wishes for clothing, household items, books or school supplies. **This year, 37% of those sponsored are Latino.**

There are **30 families** remaining that need to be sponsored for the families. Take the opportunity to help through *Sponsor-a-Family*. We ask that \$75 be spent per family member to help make holiday wishes come true.

For more information visit:
www.catholiccharities.net/celebration

Charities Royale Casino Night

On Saturday, November 7th, the Junior Board hosted its 8th Annual Charities Royale Casino Night. It was a beautiful evening raising awareness and support for our [Emergency Assistance Department](#), a critical service providing meals, clothing, emergency shelter, financial assistance, and other necessary resources to people in need in the Chicago area.

Hundreds of young professionals supported and attended the event, including a couple of our *Latino Advisory Committee* board members -- **Dr. Liz Florez** from DePaul University and **Stella Gaytan** from Monterrey Security.



Rob Tovar, Liz Florez, Stella Gaytan, and Elvis Gonzalez



Wish List

Toddler Toys:

- Bath toys, "Bunnies by the Bay" plush toys
- Disney stuffed / plush animals
- Fisher Price toys
- Large-size blocks (Duplo Legos)
- Light & Sound toys
- Little Tikes toys
- Play Doh
- Pull/Push toys
- VTech Sleepytime Bear

Teen Gifts:

- Books
- Candle sets
- CD/MP3 Player with Headphones
- Grooming kits for men
- Jewelry (earrings, bracelets, necklaces, etc.)
- Lawn games:
 - Bocce Ball

The Catholic Charities Junior Board is an organization of adults committed to promoting the compassionate works of Catholic Charities and becoming leaders in the church through effective community action, including volunteer service, social fundraising, and theological exploration.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Junior Board or how to get involved: [visit their website here](#) or contact Junior Board Director Annie Scully at (312) 655-7932 or ascully@catholiccharities.net.

National Conference on Immigration

For nearly 100 years, Catholic Charities has served hundreds of thousands of immigrant individuals and families. Whether it has been through our Immigration and Naturalization program or through our other programs providing basic needs, counseling, childcare, nutrition, senior services, or housing, Catholic Charities has consistently made sure immigrants are treated with the dignity, care and compassion that every person deserves.

On November 11th through the 13th, the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* and *Justice for Immigrants* held a national conference to address our nation's pressing immigration issues. Titled "Moving Forward: Immigration in 2016 and Beyond," the conference welcomed diocesan staff, parish leaders, and supporters of immigrants from all over the country.

Among those invited to speak was one of our Immigration Specialists, **Lorena Cabrera**, who has been with our Immigration & Naturalization Department for over 20 years. She presented on "Immigrant Integration: Responding to the Call of Pope Francis."

To learn more about our immigration program and the services it offers to support family reunification and integration, [visit their website here](#).



Lorena Cabrera presenting at the USCCB and Justice for Immigrants national conference.

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Catholic Charities fulfills the Church's role in the mission of charity to anyone in need by providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life. In order to remain faithful to our mission, Catholic Charities is guided by these core values: Respect, Compassion, Competence, and Stewardship.

- Cornhole/Bagtoss
- Kan Jam
- Ladder Toss
- Lawn Darts
- Spikeball
- Perfume/Cologne
- Playing cards
- Purses
- Spa kits (lotion, soaps, moisturizers, etc.)
- Sports Equipment
- Table Tennis Set
- Wallets
- Watches

For more details:

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Rev. Monsignor Michael M. Boland,
President of Catholic Charities

and members of the City Southwest
Regional Advisory Board
cordially invite you to the

City Southwest Social

Tuesday, December 1, 2015
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Casimir
2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago

Learn more about the important work of Catholic Charities and the valuable role of the City Southwest Regional Advisory Committee.

To help get into the Holiday Spirit,
we ask you to bring a new,
unwrapped toy for our
Celebration of Giving.

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