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Lifting Up Those in Need of Shelter

Rev. Monsignor Michael M. Boland
PRESIDENT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Shelter is one of our most critical needs. In many ways, it serves as the foundation, or the building block, of our survival. Often, we hear people ask questions of the homeless, such as “Why don’t they just get a job?” or criticisms like, “If they had worked harder, they wouldn’t be in this situation.” One thing we must remember is that without the foundation of shelter, stability crumbles, and the goals that we strive for become increasingly more difficult to reach without it.

...more than 50% of Chicago’s homeless are children.

Losing our foundation means that we become unable to focus on anything other than finding a safe place to lay our heads. Even the simplest needs like clean clothing, a place to shower, and a hot meal become an incredible challenge. All of these things are necessary before a homeless individual can reach that next step of securing a job, and returning to safe housing. For all of these needs, and more, Catholic Charities is there to offer a hand-up to the homeless, and carry them back up to the place where they are physically, mentally, and spiritually whole again.

Throughout this issue, we hope to bring to light the face of homelessness in our city. We often think of the chronically homeless as the only people seeking help – those who face mental health issues and drug and alcohol addiction, and those we encounter panhandling downtown or near the expressway ramps. While these men and women also need our care, they are not the only individuals seeking shelter. In fact, more than 50% of Chicago’s homeless are children.

Catholic Charities programs work collaboratively toward a common goal of ending homelessness in Chicago. Also in this issue, you’ll learn about



the groundbreaking new study Catholic Charities participated in through a partnership with The Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities at the University of Notre Dame, where our Homelessness Prevention Call Center was proven to be an effective and efficient way to save taxpayer dollars and prevent families from entering the ranks of the homeless.

Join us as we lift up the homeless men, women, and children of our city who don’t have the comfort of home, and instead are in circumstances surrounded by fear, uncertainty, and potential violence. Pope Francis tells us as he speaks to the world about lifting up those in need that we must show these individuals that they are important. We can do this by helping them with their basic needs, honoring their dignity, and beginning them on their journey toward the self-sufficiency that will lift them out of poverty. May their challenges resonate with us, and remind us how important our work here today really is.

St. John of the Cross

WESTERN SPRINGS



St. John of the Cross Parish is a caring community that cherishes its parish heritage, and generously shares its varied gifts and resources with others. In its mission, the parish states “We live our Catholic Faith, celebrate the Sacraments, and pursue life-long religious education and formation opportunities that support us in being witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel...To support this mission, we will communicate effectively, promote lay leadership and collaborative models of governance, and faithfully steward our time, talent and treasure.”



Recognizing Value

When St. John of the Cross sees a good thing, they invest in it with time, treasure, and talent. That’s why, Father David Dowdle said, SJC gives generously to Catholic Charities Mother’s Day collection;

“We’re always looking to provide assistance to people who do their job so well.”

volunteers and invests in Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program; and many of its parishioners serve on the Catholic Charities Board of Advisors.

“We’re always looking to provide assistance to people who do their job so well,” said Outreach Director Bill Bright. “We recognize what was been accomplished and support the people who do it.”

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program is one of those programs that SJC recognizes as “done well.” The program provides comprehensive resettlement services to refugees as they adapt to a new country, and seek housing, employment, and self-sufficiency. For our refugee families and individuals, SJC has provided \$25,000 worth of mattresses, held kitchen supplies and clothing drives, and delivered furniture. Bright said they are currently working on developing a real estate presence to help provide housing for the program.

'By giving, we receive so much'

"A big part of what we do here is outreach," Bright said. The church even replaced its "Exit" sign with an "Entrance" sign in symbolism that the parish's true mission is to take what they have and share it outside the church.

"The need for Catholic Charities is greater than ever."

"This parish has been a huge part of my life transformation as a man, father and Christian," Bright said. "I get to work with some of the nicest, finest, well-prepared people I've ever met."



Father Dowdle, is one of those people, Bright said. Dowdle, who has served as pastor at SJC for 10 years, said he's inspired by Catholic Charities "ability to touch and impact systemic and individual needs."

"The need for Catholic Charities is greater than ever," Dowdle said.



For many years, Catholic Charities provided counseling out of an office in the SJC rectory to parish members and the surrounding community. Recently, Father Charles Rubey spoke at Mass to begin a partnership between the church and Catholic Charities LOSS program, which provides support to those grieving the loss of a loved one because of suicide.

"He was so well-received and his ministry is a critical resource," Dowdle said. "I think we all need to learn how to blow our own horn in letting people know the important and good things that Catholic Charities is involved with."

The church has more than 4,000 attendees and its school has 650 students.

PHOTOS

(TOP LEFT) The sanctuary at St. John of the Cross in Western Springs.

(MIDDLE LEFT) Volunteers sort donations from a school supplies drive benefiting Catholic Charities clients.

(TOP RIGHT) Father David Dowdle poses for a photo with a few of the children from SJC.

FATHER Dowdle



Father David Dowdle grew up in Forest Park as one of 12 siblings. He's served as pastor of St. John of the Cross since 2007.

"I love being pastor of this vibrant parish," Dowdle said. "Parents of our school children and those in our religious education program are so generous with their time, talent and treasure...they are smart, experienced, and willing to invest of themselves in this community in part because they hope to be here for a long time."

Dowdle said that the parish focuses on outreach so that they don't become "self-satisfied."

"Our Outreach and Sharing Parish programs are so very important," he said. "They are constant reminders of the privileges we enjoy and that we have a responsibility to share with those who have so many different challenges."

Dowdle said a scripture that guides the parish is Matthew 25:40, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me."

"Helping to relieve suffering and provide whatever is within our means is an obligation our parents take very seriously for their children," Dowdle said. "The identity of the parish is lived out best when we do this as well as we can."

Dowdle's personal favorite scripture is John 10:10, "I have come that you might have life, and have life abundantly."

roundtable DISCUSSION

Perceptions of Homelessness



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No one chooses to become homeless. Yet on any given night, more than 6,700 Chicagoans don't have a place to call home. Often, one setback like a job loss, death of the head of household, or unexpected medical expenses can lead to a spiral of events that result in homelessness for an individual or family. In the midst of a state budget crisis that limits social service agencies' ability to serve clients, Catholic Charities is committed to providing services to those most vulnerable, and sheltering those currently and at-risk of homelessness. To weigh in on the subject, this issue's RoundTable features Debbie Reznick, Senior Program Officer at the Polk Bros. Foundation; Millicent Ntiamoah, Catholic Charities Associate Vice President of Housing Services; and Stefanie Skaggs, Development and Communications Manager at All Chicago.

What are some common misconceptions about homelessness?

DEBBIE

One of the biggest misconceptions is that nothing can be done. Homelessness is, in fact, a solvable problem. A wide body of research shows that housing-based solutions, combined with the right supports, can end the cycle of homelessness.

MILLICENT

Homelessness is a complex issue and different things happen to different people for different reasons. There's always more to the story of the people you see sitting outside living without a roof over their heads.



The faces of homelessness are ever-changing and often misconceived. Pictured left are children residents of Catholic Charities Madonna House, our family homeless shelter in Chicago.

STEFANIE

Homelessness doesn't happen in a day. It is a series of events that unfold one after another in a person's life. For many working families, a single financial setback like job loss or unforeseen medical expenses can become the catalyst for a serious cycle of crisis and the eventual loss of their financial security and housing stability. Without a home, it's nearly impossible to create sustainable, positive life changes. All Chicago believes that all our neighbors deserve stable and secure homes that stand as a foundation for a brighter future.

In what unique ways do you see Catholic Charities working to shelter the homeless?

DEBBIE

Catholic Charities has made a profound impact on Illinois' most vulnerable residents. Polk Bros. Foundation has supported Catholic Charities for 20 years, providing \$1.2 million in grants since 1996. Catholic Charities comprehensive array of services includes financial assistance to people who are at risk of being evicted, short- and long-term housing for veterans, families, youth and people with disabilities, and outreach to people who are staying in places not meant for human habitation.

MILLICENT

Catholic Charities is an active participant in our continuum of care and within that group we and other community partners are working together by pulling our resources together in order to end homelessness or reach virtual zero which means we will be able to assist people quickly when they become homeless or fall on hard times.

STEFANIE

All Chicago's Emergency Fund program is extremely proud to partner with Catholic Charities to run the

Homelessness Prevention Call Center. Any community member in need of emergency financial assistance can call 311 and request "short-term help" to be connected to the Homelessness Prevention Call Center and be screened for referral. 93% of clients surveyed reported that Emergency Fund assistance was effective in resolving the crisis.

In what ways can our communities work together to end homelessness?

DEBBIE

We can be more effective if we work across systems, increasing strategic partnerships and coordination between those who provide homeless services, early childhood and public education, foster care, healthcare, and employment support. But to end homelessness, we need business leaders, policymakers, and community members to advocate for policy changes at the local, state, and national levels. Our society has more than adequate economic capacity to invest in the housing and services we need to completely eliminate homelessness.

MILLICENT

There's always going to be people who fall by the wayside, people lose jobs, and not everybody has enough savings – anybody can become homeless. So it's about having enough resources in the system to assist anybody who becomes homeless so that we can get them back on their feet.

STEFANIE

When it comes to tackling complex social issues like homelessness, a collaborative approach is critical. We know that with all stakeholders working better together in an atmosphere of open trust and dialogue, we can truly achieve our shared vision of a Chicago where all our neighbors have a place to call home.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FUNDING

Lack of State Funding Jeopardizes Homelessness Prevention Programs

On any given night, more than 6,700 Chicagoans find themselves without a home or shelter bed. How they become homeless varies widely, but one thing is now certain: Catholic Charities Homelessness Prevention Call Center dramatically decreases the chances they will end up on the streets and saves taxpayer dollars when funding is available.

“It’s all about getting money to the right people at the right time.”

Jim Sullivan
Co-author of the study

A groundbreaking new study conducted with Catholic Charities by the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities at the University of Notre Dame revealed that when homelessness prevention funds are available, an individual’s chance of becoming homeless within six months is reduced by 76 percent. The study also proves that a minimal investment averaging \$1,000 per person to prevent someone from becoming homeless saves more than \$20,000 per person, per year in taxpayer funds that are needed to support a person in a shelter and with other services.

“Everyone who calls in is screened by a specialist and taken through various questions to figure out what their situation is and how we can help them,” said Noreen Russo, director of the Call Center. “Then we look through our resources and provide

them with funding that will prevent them from becoming homeless.”

Whether funding is available varies on a day-to-day basis. The state budget crisis has significantly jeopardized funding, potentially leaving thousands of people without a home and costing taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and other services.

“It’s all about getting money to the right people at the right time,” said Jim Sullivan, co-author of the study.

The cost of homelessness ranges from the direct costs like shelters and temporary housing to additional risk factors such as health care and criminal activity.

“Once you become homeless, you are much more likely to rely on government programs, welfare and food stamps, and become victims or involved with criminal activity,” Sullivan said. “When you add it all up, you quickly get to a number that exceeds the cost of temporary assistance.”

This is the first time the impact of emergency financial assistance on homelessness has been rigorously measured with a random control group thanks to Catholic Charities Homelessness Prevention Call Center and its unique, collaborative database and screening process. The data provided from the Homelessness Prevention Management Information System managed by All Chicago is critical to the research.

“It simply makes financial and moral sense to fund programs like this,” Monsignor Boland said.

76%

Homelessness prevention funds reduce an individual’s chance of becoming homeless within 6 months by 76 percent

60

Calls per day on average received at Catholic Charities Homelessness Prevention Call Center

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH SERVICES

FamilyWorks Provides Resources to Help Families Remain Housed

Securing housing is just the first step of overcoming homelessness for families in need. Self-sufficiency is the next big hurdle; to build confidence, stability, and financial security that prevents future instances of homelessness.

To help families achieve that independence, Catholic Charities, as a delegate agency of the Chicago Housing Authority, offers FamilyWorks. FamilyWorks provides comprehensive wrap-around services to CHA-housed families, from youth to seniors.

Eligible adults in the home receive workforce training and employment placement; youth can access constructive after-school activities; and seniors' needs are addressed individually so that they are able to stay in their communities as long as possible.

"It's helping our residents build confidence in themselves, helping them prepare for self-sufficiency, and keeping jobs," said Melissa Lucas, Regional Director for CHA FamilyWorks. "We teach time management and effective communication, and other workplace skills."

The program helps with some of the logistics, too, like securing work uniforms, school supplies, State IDs, and transportation support.



Clients attend a FamilyWorks hiring workshop.

The FamilyWorks program also taps into other Catholic Charities services such as emergency assistance and counseling. Clients receive referrals to community resources like food pantries, child care, tutoring, and wellness services for seniors.

"We provide the whole family with services so the entire family can be successful," Lucas said.

Once the family is financially self-sufficient, they ideally move into non-CHA housing and another family can benefit from CHA services. The CHA selected Catholic Charities as a delegate agency through a competitive process in early 2015. In the past year, Catholic Charities has served more than 3,000 CHA residents.

"This was a natural fit for us," said Gina Cleggs, Associate Vice President

of Catholic Charities Community Development and Outreach Services. "This is one of the first programs that encompass all of our service areas."

Cleggs added that partnering with CHA allows Catholic Charities to work with a targeted case load of individuals who are unemployed and give them a sense of pride and community.

"We do a lot of community events and workshops to get residents to focus on civic engagement," Cleggs said. "So it helps to give the residents a sense of pride within themselves, which ultimately benefits the communities where they live."

"We have residents with all kinds of experience and skill levels, so we're always looking to place them in what's the best fit for them," Lucas said.

3,000

**Individuals served
in the past year**

100%

**participants showed improvement
in career awareness skills**

Struggling Teen to Humanitarian of the Year

When Aleta was just 19, she was on the run from her designated Department of Children and Family Services placement, pregnant, and struggling with a domestic violence situation. In contrast, earlier this year, she was awarded “Humanitarian of the Year” by Secretary of State Jesse White and is now a successful business owner, proud mother of two, and active founder of an anti-violence nonprofit on the city’s southside.

“I really did struggle once I got completely out on my own at such a young age,” Aleta said. “But I fought hard and never gave up.”

Aleta, who grew up in foster care, was referred to Catholic Charities Independent Living Program by DCFS nearly 10 years ago, and enrolled in our Independent Living Program, which ensures young adults ages 19-21 within the child welfare system have stable housing, opportunities for continued education and employment, and intensive services to help them gain skills to prepare them for independence. Many of the teens referred have experienced abuse or neglect and face emotional trauma, mental health problems, and trust issues. Likewise they often enter the program without appropriate, supportive adults in their lives.



Aleta with her two children.

“I’ve always wanted more than I was given as a child and that’s why I never let bad things defeat me,” Aleta said. “I was able to overcome and I keep pushing.”

It was through the Independent Living Program that Aleta met Catholic Charities employee Tracy Reilly, her assigned case worker. Although Aleta has long since graduated from the program, their bond still stands. Aleta often keeps in touch with Tracy, to share successes

and struggles, and continue what has blossomed into a friendship. Aleta has told Tracy that she would not be where she is today without Tracy.

For Tracy, it’s a joy to see Aleta so happy and successful after their journey together. While she gets new clients year after year, she always makes time to be a resource and support to her former clients, and be there whenever they need help.

“We become mentors and advocates to these kids,” Tracy said. “I gave birth to one child of my own but I feel I have 15 through this program.”

Aleta’s humanitarian award was partly made in recognition of her anti-violence efforts but also because she collected nearly 17,000 bottles of water to deliver to those impacted by the Flint, Michigan water crisis earlier this year.

Aleta lives in Englewood, where 42.2% of the population lives below the poverty level and the per capita income is \$11,993. Aleta’s nonprofit Hugs No Slugs advocates for her community by organizing peace marches and meeting with government officials to enact change.

“We feed the homeless, get guns off the streets – it’s about more love,” she said. “I use my kids as inspiration.”

19-21

Ages of young adults which Catholic Charities provides stable housing and life opportunities

850

The number of completed clinical case management home visits with clients in 2016

FAMILY AND PARISH SUPPORT SERVICES

Mobile Outreach Saves Lives, One Call at a Time

Edward Feliciano knows the number of the men and women he's found dead by heart – 28. But just as quickly, he knows he's saved at least 16 lives, and countless others in imminent danger. Feliciano is not a doctor or a police officer. He's a social worker – and he serves as a driver and first responder for Catholic Charities 311/ Mobile Outreach and Call Center.

In partnership with the City of Chicago, Catholic Charities 311/ Mobile Outreach and Call Center logs 40,000 requests per year as it operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Those calling 311 in need of housing assistance, shelter, or well-being checks, are sent to speak with a responder at the call center, and are then referred to services or someone like Feliciano to help them with their situation. The most requested service, according to Mobile Outreach Manager Renee Rouse, is shelter.

When calls for situations where immediate shelter is needed, drivers like Feliciano are sent out to assist. Sometimes it's a call from a police station. Other times, it's a hospital. They also receive calls from third parties who have spotted homeless individuals in need on the street. Feliciano said they'll drive out to the homeless individual wherever they are, interview them, and find them the best



Mobile Outreach staff meet with a senior client in her home.

solution for their situation.

"We ask them what brought them to this situation, how they got to be homeless," Feliciano said. "Then, we try to connect them with family or take them to a local shelter."

In the 10 years Feliciano has worked in Mobile Outreach in Chicago, he's seen it all. He's offered shelter to homeless men and women under the downtown viaducts, when temperatures have dipped 45 degrees below zero. He's comforted victims of domestic violence, as they hand over their medical reports detailing broken arms and black eyes. He's comforted young teen moms with small children. He's gone to the police station where a young homeless man has found nowhere else to turn.

The call center also refers individuals in need of services outside of housing, like food, job training, and legal services. For example, a family of seven recently called the center after they had been evicted and didn't understand why.

"We were able to identify through Catholic Charities legal assistance program that this was an illegal eviction, and the family was able to go back to their home," Rouse said.

Feliciano, who grew up in Englewood, said he loves serving through the Mobile Outreach program because his family taught him to see, and to love, all individuals.

"Everyone has the right to shelter," he said. "You have to look at individuals. You have to see their hearts."

40,000

**Requests per year
for emergency assistance**

24/7/365

**Emergency Call Center
hours of operation**

HOUSING SERVICES

Struggling Mom Finds Peace, Shelter at Madonna House

As Dominique walks down the sidewalks of Madonna House, a cool fall breeze blows back her long black hair to reveal bright eyes and a big smile. Dominique, 26, has a 3-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son. Her son is standing next to her, waving a drawing above his head to show her his creation. "It's chicken and monkey ice cream!" he tells her, laughing. Dominique asks him what it tastes like, and without hesitation he responds, "Like bubble gum!" And they all laugh again.

A few years ago, Dominique and her children were in a very different situation. Dominique was living at her grandmother's house and taking care of her as she battled cancer. At the same time, Dominique's uncle and cousin were also battling cancer. All three of them died within two years.

"It was to the point where I could no longer support us, and it was taking a toll on me," Dominique said. "I made a decision to get some help."

Dominique went to the City Family Services and Support Center at 10 S. Kedzie, where they referred her to Catholic Charities family shelter, Madonna House. The next day, she and her family moved in. Since then, Dominique has been working with a case manager and has secured



Dominique and her two children pose outside Madonna House, Catholic Charities family shelter. Dominique and her family became homeless about a year ago, after she lost three of her family members to cancer.

employment and set goals for her future.

"When I first got here I was nervous," Dominique said. "But this didn't look like a homeless shelter, and it didn't feel like a homeless shelter. I found out it's not. It's like a family here."

The employment and financial services at Madonna House were what Dominique needed to get back on her feet, but what helped her the most was the counseling she received to deal with the loss of her family members.

"It took me two months to cry out everything that had happened to me,"

she said. "I had to build myself up."

Today, Dominique has a steady job and dreams of finishing college, securing permanent housing, and one day, opening a business that gives back to other families facing homelessness.

"For something that could be so horrible and embarrassing, I've been able to turn it into a learning experience," she said. "A lot of people look at us like we've done drugs or we aren't capable of living in the real world. We are people just as well as everybody else."

41 families

and 149 individuals served
each year at Madonna House

SENIOR SERVICES

Colbert Program Returns Seniors to Independent Living

Last year, Lloyd was living in a nursing facility at age 62. He once needed the full-time care, but had since recovered and was ready to live on his own. He was in a shared room with a stranger, with a shared bathroom and shower. He couldn't come and go as he pleased. Worst of all, it was too far away for his family to visit.

"It was restrictive," he said. "I never had any privacy and I rarely got to see my family."

Thanks to Catholic Charities Colbert Program, Lloyd's situation was re-evaluated, and in November 2015, he moved into his own apartment. Catholic Charities Senior Services and Housing Services collaborated to implement the Colbert Program, which helps seniors transition out of nursing homes if they are able and willing to live in the community.

"I was nervous at first, but then I was just excited," Lloyd said. "They took care of everything and got me what I needed."

The state program was developed in response to the Colbert Decree, which said that people who can live in the community need the option to do so. For the past year, Catholic Charities has been offering that option through its Chicago and suburban Harvey sites.



A Colbert program participant celebrates his new home.

"These are people who shouldn't be in institutions anymore," said Meisha Lyons, Department Director of South Suburban Senior Services. "We give them a fresh start to regain a sense of self, and bring them back into the community."

The cost for these seniors to stay in an institution, Lyons said, far outweighs the cost of them living on their own. In fact, the value per year is tripled.

The seniors can choose between living in their own apartments or supportive living, which is still their own place but equipped with safety features in the bathroom and kitchen, call lights for emergencies,

and opportunities for activities and outings with other seniors.

"I had a client tell me, 'I do more now in my community now than I ever have before,'" Lyons said. "This transition marks the beginning of the next chapter of their lives."

The housing placement is followed up with one year of case management. The great emotional benefit to the program is that they get to return to society and contribute to their communities again. For Lloyd, that was huge.

"It's nice out here, it's quiet and peaceful, and my family comes to visit me," Lloyd said. "It feels just like home."

3x

the cost savings for independent care versus institutional care

94%

of seniors age 65+ pay for health care out of pocket



Charities Golf Classic
John Brinckerhoff and Matt Davis



City SW Story | Rev. Gary Graf (far right) with volunteers and staff from the SW City Region



Golf Invitational | Msgr. Boland, Mike Smith, Emile Johnson

The City Southwest Story: Building Our Community

The newly created City Southwest Region held its first event, The City Southwest Story: Building Our Community on June 8, at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. The event was attended by 110 supporters who enjoyed tasty hors d'oeuvres, beverages, a silent auction, and lively music performed by The Chicago Mariachi Project. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the *Heart of Charity Award* to Rev. Gary Graf. Major sponsors included Saint Anthony Hospital, Claretian Missionaries and Goldberg Weisman Cairo. More than \$12,000 was raised in support of the Catholic Charities programs in the region.

Diamonds Are Forever

North Regional Services hosted the 2nd Annual Diamonds Are Forever Boutique & Luncheon, on June 16, at Westmoreland Country

Club in Wilmette. The event was an even greater success than last year, with 253 attendees, and raised \$18,000 to help struggling families in the north suburbs. The guests enjoyed shopping at the boutiques, dining, and making new connections, all while learning about the services that Catholic Charities provides and the many volunteer opportunities that are available.

Charities Golf Classic

On July 25, Lake County Services hosted more than 200 golfers at the 22nd Annual Charities Golf Classic at Knollwood Club in Lake Forest and Shoreacres in Lake Bluff. The event featured a BBQ lunch, dinner, live auction, and a special art performance from Art Beat Live. Hosted by event Chair Matt Davis, this annual event raised \$231,000 to benefit Catholic Charities programs in Lake County.

Golf Invitational

On July 27, Catholic Charities hosted its 19th Annual Golf Invitational at the beautiful Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont. Emceed by NBC's Andy Avalos, the all-day outing featured a Texas Scramble-style tournament, celebrity contest holes, breakfast, lunch, and dinner; silent and live auctions, raffles, and more. Back by popular demand, our exclusive women's tournament featured many activities and a fun day on the course.

This year's outing attracted more than 330 participants, golfers, and enthusiasts for a day of fun on the greens for a great cause, and raised \$275,000. Hosted by event Co-Chairs Emile Johnson and Mike Smith, this annual event benefits Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Family Services Programs, which will directly support thousands of families this year who are in urgent need of food, clothing, and rental and housing assistance for their families. Bob Berti was presented with the *Michael R. Sheahan Founders Award*.

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Holy Family Villa Golf Invitational | Tim, Bev, LouAnn, and Michael McKernin



Patrick J. Ryan Golf Outing | The Ryan Family



UPCOMING EVENT

Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball

Benefiting the Children served by Catholic Charities

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 2

Come kick off the Christmas season on Friday, December 2, at the 27th Annual Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball to benefit the children served by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Held at the Hilton Chicago, more than 1,300 guests will attend this black tie event featuring entertainment by the Ken Arlen Orchestra. Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, Monsignor Michael M. Boland, President of Catholic Charities, along with Chaircouple Richard and Mary Beth Murphy, and Vice Chaircouple Michael and Claire O'Grady, will welcome guests at a reception, which kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and dancing follow at 8 p.m., and late night sweet treats will be served. For information on sponsorships or to purchase tickets, please contact Jodi Hill, Special Events Manager, at (312) 948-6797 or johill@catholiccharities.net.

PHOTO

Pictured is 2016 Chaircouple Mary Beth and Richard Murphy.

William E. Joyce Golf Invitational

On August 1, the 15th Annual William E. Joyce Golf Invitational was held at Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club in Orland Park. The challenging course put 109 golfers to the test for 18 holes of great golf. An additional 41 guests joined in for a fantastic buffet dinner, and some interesting silent auction and prize raffle items. The event was Co-Chaired by Jim Sexton and Jack Miller. More than \$70,500 was raised in support of the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program.

Holy Family Villa Golf Invitational

On August 10, Holy Family Villa held its 7th Annual Monsignor John Kuzinskas Golf Invitational at Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont. The sunny day welcomed more than 150 golfers for breakfast, 18 holes of golf featuring fun contest holes, grilled lunch, cocktails, and dinner. Matthew and Ramona Kurland were the event Chaircouple and emcees

for the dinner program. More than \$61,000 was raised to benefit Holy Family Villa's current capital needs to meet the increasing needs of seniors in the community.

Patrick J. Ryan Golf Outing

On August 18, Catholic Charities hosted its 6th Annual Patrick J. Ryan Golf Outing at St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club located in West Chicago. Emceed by host Monica Pedersen, the all-day event featured a scramble-style tournament, celebrity contest holes, breakfast, lunch and dinner, silent auction, and more.

This year's outing attracted more than 300 golfers and guests and raised nearly \$100,000. Hosted by the Jim and Marie Ryan family, this annual event benefits Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program for Children and Youth, which will directly support families who have lost a loved one to suicide by providing free counseling and grief services.

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**raised at summer fundraisers
to support programs and services**

Funding Partners Support Vital Programs



Guests receive a hot meal at our evening supper program.

Community Memorial Foundation

The Community Memorial Foundation continued their support of Catholic Charities St. Blase Service Center in Summit. The award will be used to help support three basic needs programs offered at the center: our weekly evening supper program for the hungry and/or homeless; our emergency assistance food pantry; and our Senior, Food, and Nutrition Program (SFNP).

The Lake County Community Foundation

The Lake County Community Foundation recently supported Catholic Charities Lake County Veterans Employment Program with a generous grant award. This new partnership between Catholic Charities and The Lake County Community Foundation will be instrumental in helping the program find unsubsidized, meaningful employment opportunities for veterans this year.

Patrick and Anna M. Cudahy Fund

The Patrick and Anna M. Cudahy Fund graciously provided funding for our LOSS Program for Children and Youth. The program provides support for children and youth who are grieving the death of a loved one by suicide and is the only suicide-specific treatment program in Illinois for children ages 3-19.

Illinois Immigration Funder Collaborative and the Chicago Community Trust

The Illinois Immigration Funder Collaborative (IFC) through the Chicago Community Trust continued their support of Catholic Charities Immigration and Naturalization Services Program. This support is important in our efforts to help youth and young adults eligible for relief under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Opus Foundation

The Opus Foundation awarded Catholic Charities a grant to launch a new Work Ready program, which will train out-of-school young adults in the Austin neighborhood for careers in hospitality, metalworking, and warehousing. The program will bring critical opportunities for growth to the youth in this West Side neighborhood, many of whom are involved in Catholic Charities Peace Corner Youth Center.



Youth sign in at the Peace Corner Youth Center in Austin.

Michael Reese Health Trust

The Trustees of the Michael Reese Health awarded a generous grant to support the work of our Community Family Service Center. Their gift will help us provide two bilingual therapists to provide trauma-informed mental and behavioral health services to impoverished Spanish- and English-speaking children and families in underserved community schools in Chicago.



Monsignor Boland with Charles Walgreen and Peter and Marcia Masloski.

Board Chair Tim Rivelli with Anthony Cascino and Catholic Charities CFO Elida Hernandez.



Board of Advisor Reappointment Reception

Catholic Charities is grateful for its dedicated members of the Board of Advisors who share their time, talent, and treasure in support of the agency's mission. Members are appointed to serve for a period of three years, with an opportunity to be reappointed for additional terms.

On August 30, nearly 50 guests gathered in the Catholic Charities Board Room to welcome and celebrate the 2016 Reappointees. Monsignor Boland, Tim Rivelli (Board Chair) and Brian Masterson (Board Relations Committee Chair) shared remarks, thanking the reappointees present for their continued commitment to the Catholic Charities mission.

"Our mission is all about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy," said Rivelli. "We need the strength of Christ and help of the staff at Catholic Charities to have the courage to cross the boundaries we need to, so that we can help those who are most in need."

Prior to the reception that evening, a number of the Reappointees participated in serving the Tuesday Night Supper, a Catholic Charities program providing a hot meal to more than 120 guests experiencing hunger.

Members shared how impressed they were with the program and how grateful they were to serve.

99th Annual Meeting of the Board of Advisors

The 99th Annual Meeting of the Board of Advisors will take place on October 27, 2016, at the Hilton Chicago. The meeting begins with a reception at 11 a.m. and a lunch meeting follows at noon. Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, will provide remarks that afternoon. He will also appoint 36 new members to the Catholic Charities Board of Advisors. At this meeting, Catholic Charities will honor the following board members, individuals, and organizations who have contributed to the Catholic Charities mission in extraordinary ways: Martha Fitzgerald and Amy Mazzolin (*Dennis F. Kelly Award*); Gerard and Heide Kenny (*Compassion in Action Award*); Hilton Chicago and Joseph and Elizabeth Rocci (*Caritas Christi Urget Nos Award*); Sisters of the Good Shepherd (*St. Thomas More Award*); Mary Ellen Kastenholz (*Volunteer of the Year*); Rev. Charles T. Rubey (*Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Award*).

JUNIOR BOARD

Boat Cruise Sets Record Attendance

The 14th Annual Catholic Charities Junior Board Boat Cruise was held August 5, and attended by a record 130 guests. Guests basked in the Chicago skyline sunset while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and drinks. More than \$4,800 was raised for Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Department, which is usually the first point of contact for the agency's 150 programs.

"It was an incredible night with a record turnout and everybody had a great time. Funds raised are vital to ensuring we are able to meet the needs of those who turn to us," said Carlos Rinconeno, Director of the Junior Board.

"The boat cruise is the Junior Board's second largest fundraiser of the year, and one that the board looks forward to as soon as the temperature starts to rise in the spring," said Kristina Mulhall, Board Chair.

The next Junior Board event is its Charities Royale Casino Night from 7:30-11:30 p.m. November 19, at the Chicago Cultural Center. For more information, visit catholiccharities.net/casinonight.

PHOTO

Attendees enjoy the annual Junior Board Boat Cruise.

The Last Word ...

‘My daughter was murdered... my family had no safe place to go’

Cynthia • CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEW HOPE APARTMENTS CLIENT

Catholic Charities New Hope Apartments program provides scattered site apartments to homeless families with children.

My family suffered a traumatic loss. My daughter was murdered about a year-and-a-half ago. Needless to say I was not in a healthy environment and my children and I had no place to turn. I called 311 and Catholic Charities came and picked me and my four other children up, and brought us to a shelter on the city’s west side.

After I found a job, I called 311 again to tell them I had more income and they said they would get Catholic Charities to help us move out of the shelter and into the New Hope Apartments. That was when I met my case worker Vivian, and it was great talking to her on the phone. I told her I had an action plan for going back to school and that I wanted to be back in Evanston, which is the community my children were most familiar with. Especially after such a traumatic event in their lives, I wanted them to be in a place where they had people they knew and felt safe, and we could just grieve our loss in peace.

I met with Vivian and put a plan together, and she helped us move into our new apartment. It’s just a blessing for my family.



Cynthia

I’m 42 and I’ve had six kids, and it’s the first time in my whole life I’ve had to receive assistance from anyone. I didn’t know what it would be like but to know that I’m able to save money while I work, and to have the support that I need for my children, it’s just a blessing.

Not only that but the relationship I’ve had with Vivian has been so tremendous. She knows my children so well and has gone above and beyond the scope of work of any other agency I’ve ever seen. She’s very attentive to all our needs. We’ve been able to celebrate Christmas,

Thanksgiving and Mother’s Day through the program. My kids received two new bikes from Catholic Charities after theirs were stolen. I had some medical issues earlier this year and just to know I was able to gain support when I had to go to the doctor – Catholic Charities was there for me. It’s been the most positive impact I’ve ever experienced. I would hope that one day that I could tell others who think there are no services out there that there is a community out there that can make a huge difference in your life, and it’s Catholic Charities.

The trial for my daughter’s murder is coming in the next month, and because of Catholic Charities, I know I won’t have to worry about being a single parent and having to go to this. I appreciate that so very much. To know that someone really cares, that we aren’t just a number, we aren’t just an application — we are a family. It’s been a big blessing for us and I hope to one day to return my appreciation. They did so much more than helping us put a roof over our heads; they helped us find a home again.

Neighbors in Need

*No one should ever go hungry,
or lack a safe place to live.*



At Catholic Charities, we open our doors to care for anyone in need. Every 30 seconds, someone counts on Catholic Charities for help. It's a challenge to meet the needs of so many with limited resources.

Will you help feed, shelter and comfort people who want to become self-sufficient and live with dignity?

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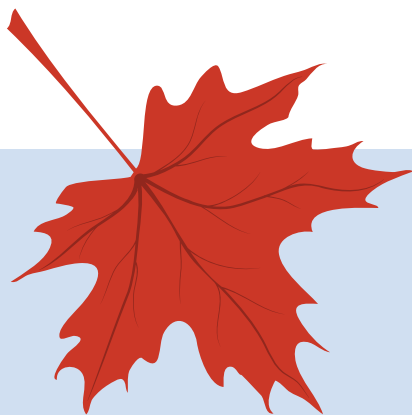
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UPCOMING EVENTS



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HARVEST OF HOPE
Friday, September 30
Michigan Shores Club
Wilmette
(847) 376-2121

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FIESTAS DE OCTUBRE
Saturday, October 8
Our Lady of the Wood Parish
Orland Park
(708) 430-0428

nov

AYUDANDO NUESTRAS FAMILIAS/HELPING OUR FAMILIES
Wednesday, October 12
The Casino Club
Chicago
(312) 655-8492

WYNSTONE HOLIDAY TEA & BOUTIQUE
Thursday, November 3
Wynstone Country Club
North Barrington
(847) 782-4115

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN'S BOARD 109th ANNUAL EVENT
Sunday, November 6
Four Seasons Hotel
Chicago
(312) 655-7348

"KICK OFF" ART OF CARING
Saturday, November 12
Exmoor Country Club
Highland Park
(847) 782-4115

CHARITIES ROYALE CASINO NIGHT
Saturday, November 19
Chicago Cultural Center
(312) 655-7932

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SPIRIT OF SAINT NICHOLAS BALL
Friday, December 2
Hilton Chicago
(312) 948-6797

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D'VINE AFFAIR
Sunday, January 29
Union League Club of Chicago
(312) 655-7907

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PATRICK J. RYAN MAIN EVENT
Friday, February 3
Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
(312) 655-7290

CHICAGO AUTO SHOW'S FIRST LOOK FOR CHARITY
Friday, February 10
McCormick Place, Chicago
(312) 948-6797

COMPASSION IN ACTION DINNER
Saturday, February 18
Glenwoodie Golf Club, Glenwood
(708) 333-8379

NITE AT THE NET
Saturday, February 25
Hinsdale Racquet Club, Hinsdale
(312) 655-7290

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