



Partners Update | April 2024

Partners and Friends,

A colleague here at Catholic Charities told me about their family's Lenten practice of the children directing their year's savings to a non-profit that is impacting the world in positive ways. Over the course of the last few months, family conversations have allowed the children to learn of my colleague's calling to walk with the people that CCAC serves. This Holy Week the starry-eyed eight-year-old and his brother chose CCAC as their annual opportunity for partnership.

Each April we commemorate the banquet at the Hotel LaSalle on April 10, 1917 when the "Associated Catholic Charities of Chicago" was established and 107 years later, we pursue the same mission: to partner in mission and to witness a message of mercy and hope through service. It is an honor to create a pathway for courageous compassion and hope-filled joy. Partnership with CCAC makes a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of people on a daily basis, and that kind of accompaniment is open to everyone.

Whether you're an intrepid eight-year-old or a member of the global leadership team at **Hallow**, the top App for Catholic and Christian prayer, **you share a heart built for compassion**. The Hallow Team recently helped make lunches, sort clothes, and set tables at 721 North LaSalle Street (above) during a break in their spring meetings. So many partners know the words of Dutch priest and mystic Henri Nouwen firsthand, "Community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another."

It's not too late to sign up for our two special events this month: **The Art of Caring Gala on April 20th**, and **The LOSS Blossoms of Hope Brunch on April 28th**. See registration links below.

We also look forward to building community with you in May. Please see the full list of events in this email- I hope to meet many of you there.

May God continue to open a way for us be partners in faith-filled hope and joy.

Happy Easter!

John DeCostanza
Vice President, Faith and Mission

Partners in Mission

Catholic Charities' **Diaper Depot** continues to expand in Cook and Lake Counties, raising awareness of the growing health crisis for families who cannot afford diapers for their children.

- To learn how you can join in this rewarding work, email volunteer@catholiccharities.net.

Recent Pop-Up events were held in partnership with Project Linus, Jesus, Shepherd of Souls Parish, Calumet City Resources, St. Mary Magdalene Parish, and Franciscan Health, Olympia Fields to provide basic personal provisions to hundreds of community members in the South/Southwest Cook region. Thank you to all who pitched in to make these events possible!

- To get involved, please email volunteer@catholiccharities.net.



Lake County Regional Office hosted a special Lenten Dinner in collaboration with Harmonia, a nonprofit and partner in providing Thursday Night Suppers. Following a delicious meal, seniors participated in a painting session to create personalized art projects.

- If you would like to help with this program, please call **(847) 782-4210**.



Thank you to The Women's Board, Lake County and St. Joseph Parish in Libertyville for organizing spring Clothing Drives to benefit the Clothing Room and Diaper Depot at the Schreiber Center in Round Lake.

- Please email volunteer@catholiccharities.net for opportunities like this near you.



Thank you to St. John Newmann, Homewood parish members and staff for support with spring sharing, including food, coat, and clothing drives. Their hard work replenished the St. Irenaeus Food Pantry and generated 100 Blessing Bags for seniors and those residing at the nearby PADS shelter. St. John Newmann parishioners also worked with Marian Catholic High School seniors to create 50 bags of personal items for Kolbe House guests.

- For volunteer options near you, email volunteer@catholiccharities.net.

Partners in Giving - Upcoming Events

The Art of Caring

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 6:00pm

Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest

Catholic Charities Women's Board of Lake County invites you to attend the Art of Caring and enjoy cocktails, dinner, live auction, and dancing, to benefit Catholic Charities programs.

- Please click [HERE](#) to learn more and purchase tickets.



Blossoms of Hope Brunch

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 11:00am-2:00pm

Westin Chicago, Lombard

Please join us for this annual gathering supporting the Loving Outreach to Survivors (LOSS) program. The keynote speaker will be award-winning author and investigative journalist Meg Kissinger.

- Watch Meg on The Voice of Charity [HERE](#).
- Please click [HERE](#) to learn more and purchase tickets.



Partner Gathering

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 5:30-7:30pm

St. John of the Cross Parish

5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs.

We look forward to gathering to build community and share an update on Catholic Charities.

- To RSVP, please click [HERE](#).



"Realizing Change: Women's Emerging Leadership Roles in the Modern Church"

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 11:30am-1:30pm

Old St. Patrick's Church,

700 W. Adams Street, Chicago

Please join with other engaged women in our community for a conversation between Betsy Bohlen, COO, Archdiocese of Chicago and Kerry Alys Robinson, President and CEO, Catholic Charities USA. Dr. Sally Blount will moderate the discussion.

- To RSVP, email donor.relations@catholiccharities.net.



"Imagining Abundance: Faith, Hope and Charity in Today's World"

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 6pm
*St. Joseph Church, Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier
Parish, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette*



Catholic Charities USA President and CEO Kerry Alys Robinson and His Eminence Blase Cardinal Cupich will discuss the intersection of social justice and the Mission of Charity. Dr. Sally Blount will moderate the conversation.

- To RSVP, please click [HERE](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: Charities Golf Classic
Monday, July 15, 2024**

*Knollwood Club, Lake Forest
Shorewood, Lake Bluff*



Join us for a fabulous day of golf benefitting Catholic Charities programs. Included will be friendly competition, lunch, beautiful surroundings, and a wonderful dinner.

- Learn more and purchase tickets [HERE](#).

Partners in Prayer

Intentions

Please pray for the following dear friends, volunteers, former employees, and benefactors of Catholic Charities who have passed away in recent days. We also remember in prayer the family members, friends, and colleagues who mourn them.

Edward Gurza
Joan Hoppe
Rosemary Hyland
Brian Masterson
Jerome McDermott
Richard Meyers
William Payne
Mary DeWane Statter
Patricia Von Ebers
Kristina Waldron

Prayer and trust in God's guidance of our work are fundamental to all that we do. If you are aware of someone in the Catholic Charities family who has passed away, or is in need of our prayers, **email your prayer intentions** to partners@catholiccharities.net. They will be brought to the St. Louise de Marillac Chapel at Catholic Charities' St. Vincent Center and included in all Masses and liturgical services.



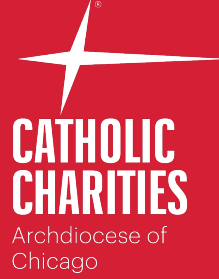
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Email us at partners@catholiccharities.net. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do in support of the mission of Catholic Charities.

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Catholic Charities partners with mission-driven people and

organizations across Cook and Lake counties to witness a message of mercy and hope to a world in need. We are called to accompany anyone in need, regardless of faith, gender, race, or ethnicity.



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