



We Are There: Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago joins national campaign to promote the life-giving work of the Catholic Charities network

CHICAGO – (June 20, 2024) – Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is joining with the Catholic Charities network around the country to participate in [We Are There](#), a national awareness campaign highlighting the life-giving services that Catholic Charities agencies provide in their local communities.

“At Catholic Charities, we have a unique calling. We partner with mission-driven people and organizations across Cook and Lake Counties to witness a message of mercy and hope,” said Sally Blount, President and CEO, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. “We are even stronger, because we are part of a national network of over 160 partner organizations. Together we serve millions of people in need each day across all 50 states.”

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is the largest private human services provider in the Midwest, operating at a scale of \$200 million and serving nearly 375,000 people annually. In partnership with mission-driven people and organizations across the region, staff work over three impact areas:

- **Immediate Access and Basic Needs** provides short-term food, shelter and clothing;
- **Mothers and Families** supports and strengthens children and families through a focus on mothers; and
- **Seniors and Housing** hosts senior living communities and provides care coordination for seniors aging in place.

The work that Catholic Charities of Chicago does in Cook and Lake counties is mirrored by services provided at Catholic Charities agencies around the country. There are 168 independent Catholic Charities agencies and 3,900 collective locations spread out across the United States and its five territories. Collectively, the Catholic Charities network served more than 15 million people last year and provided more than 30 million meals to those in need. The dedicated, selfless staff of Catholic Charities agencies are aided in this work by the indispensable contributions of more than 215,000 volunteers nationwide. The services offered by each local Catholic Charities agency differ because they are tailored to the specific needs of the vulnerable members of their individual communities.

Catholic Charities USA, the national membership organization for Catholic Charities agencies, organized and launched the We Are There campaign. Over the coming months, the campaign will raise awareness for the work of Catholic Charities through a variety of national media outlets. Here in Cook and Lake counties, Catholic Charities of Chicago will continue to highlight the different ways we aid and accompany our neighbors in need.

To learn more about the We Are There campaign, visit WeAreThere.US. To learn how to volunteer or make a gift supporting the work of Catholic Charities of Chicago, visit catholiccharities.net.

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Catholic Charities of Chicago 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 serve and accompany anyone, regardless of their faith, gender, race, or ethnicity. For more information, or to make a gift, visit catholiccharities.net.

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