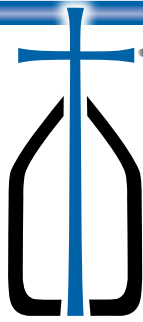


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The

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From the
Desk of Our
President



April 23-29 is National Volunteer Week

I sincerely hope to see you at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 26th however I would like to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude for everything you do to help our programs become a reality. We truly could not do what we do without you. It has been an epic year between fund raising for the new Center for Hope and dealing with the water crisis in Flint but from start to finish you were an incredible group of volunteers, and because of your dedication and hard work, we have made great strides to reach our goals. National Volunteer Week is an opportunity for us to shine a light on the people that inspire us to serve. We honor you, our exceptional volunteers, and celebrate the power of the individual to spark change and improve the world. **As we make our way into spring and summer our core volunteers take their well earned summer breaks after the winter season, therefore if you have any time to spare we need your help! Check out page 2 for dates we need additional assistance!**

Thank you once again!

- Vicky L. Schultz,
Chief Executive Officer

Blue Water Filling Station Installed

When the Flint water crisis broke last year, the response we got from all over the world was overwhelming and through the crisis we have built heartwarming relationships with the most amazing people and the organizations they represent. One such relationship is with Blue Water, a Swedish based company that believes, as do we, that access to clean drinking water is a human right. Their passion is to deliver contaminant free drinking water from the tap using the worlds best water purification technologies. Last year, they came and fitted our North End Soup Kitchen with a complete water purification system.



Amazing right?! In March they came again to install a filling station so that people can refill gallon containers. We are grateful to the people at Blue Water for their generous support during a time of great need.

"We are overjoyed that we have been able to step up again to help the people of Flint have free access to purified water from our water station without having to rely on plastic bottles. At Bluewater, we are strongly opposed to single use plastic bottles, which are already polluting our oceans, because we want to help protect future generations from suffering the same kind of environmental problems that hit Flint so harshly," said Lin Guo, head of Bluewater USA Inc, Overland Park, Kansas.



Owosso On the Move

Owosso celebrated the opening of their new location on March 31st hope you were able to make it to the Open House! It was a great success and we appreciate everyone who came out to show their support! The staff in Owosso would like to thank Greg Coulter and his crew for all the hard work they did for the move, stating 'Without them, we would have been lost. Greg continues to be a great help with our office move.' The American Red Cross has relocated it's offices as of March 22. We are very happy to share the space with them! The new office is at 1480 N. M-52, Ste 1, Owosso.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The
Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner will be
held April 26 starting at 3 p.m. in
the San Juan Diego Activity Center,
Our Lady of Guadalupe, 2316 Coldwater
Rd., Flint. Please join us for this free event,
held in appreciation of our volunteers! We
can't thank you enough for everything
you do! For further information please
contact us at 810-785-6911 or
jmanse@ccsgc.org





Volunteer Opportunities

The Stewardship of Hope award is a way to volunteer and live a life of stewardship. It involves three different types of service at Catholic Charities. This is a great way for student's in 8th-12th grade to gain service hours and get experience for the workplace. School vacations are the perfect time to take on this project! Completion of this project also qualifies you for a scholarship contest.

There are many ways for students to help others at Catholic Charities' Center for Hope. The facility encompasses the Center for Hope Soup Kitchen and the Center for Hope Community Closet, creating a "one-stop" location that brings compassion and resources to the community.

Interested in earning this certificate? Contact Amy at astart@ccsgc.org or 810-232-9950 x143.

The Soup Kitchens are short staffed this spring!

The following are dates which we would greatly appreciate your help!

April – 7, 14, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

May – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31



9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Other ways to get involved:

HOPE IN A BOX

Collect hygiene items for our Community Closets in designated boxes at your church or business. Each month, we send out flyers highlighting a particular item that is needed.

HOPE IN A BOX FOR KIDS

Just like Hope in a Box, this program is geared to schools, youth groups, clubs, religious education classes, etc.

CLOSET CLEANING FOR A CAUSE

Clean out your closets and donate gently used clothing and household items.

FOOD DRIVE

Collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for our three soup kitchens and Owosso food pantry.

DONATE BUS PASSES

Help someone get to and from their counseling appointments or to a job interview.

VOLUNTEER – COMMUNITY CLOSET

Volunteer at the Community Closet in Flint to help with organizing donations, welcoming clients, and assisting them to find things they need.

VOLUNTEER – SOUP KITCHENS

Prepare and serve a meal at one of our three Flint Soup Kitchens.

GROUNDKEEPING

Help with spring planting to keep our Mary Garden, Peace Park, and yard clean and beautiful.

DONATE

Monetary contributions are always welcome.



Vegetable Stir Fry w/Oyster Sauce

Meals by Manse



John Manse has managed our meal programs for more than 20 years. Check out this genuine North End Soup Kitchen Recipe that you can try at home!

One of my favorite recipes I cook at home. If you never had oyster sauce before, you may be missing out on a treat. It can be found in the Asian food aisle at any large grocery store. It is best to purchase fresh vegetables and not frozen stir fry vegetables, but you can use both.

Ingredients:

- Olive Oil
- Fresh or chopped garlic
- Red Onion
- Leeks
- Snow Peas
- Broccoli
- Bok Choy
- Carrots
- Red sweet peppers
- Balsamic Rice
- Oyster Sauce
- Black Pepper



Rice – Add 1 cup of water with 1 cup of chicken stock, bring to boil. Add one cup of balsamic or regular rice to the boiling pot, stir for several minutes. Turn very low and cover. Cook for 10 minutes. Keep Covered. (Microwave rice cooker works well also).

Vegetables – In a wok, Add olive oil and garlic. Stir for a few minutes, add all vegetables, chopped up. Stir and cook on medium high for 5-10 minutes. Add ½ cup oyster sauce, stir and turn off. (Hint – you will want to cook on high heat, but must stir constantly so the vegetables brown, but not burn and stay crispy).

You can help us make this meal for those in need by donating any of the above ingredients to Catholic Charities Soup Kitchens. Non-perishable food items are also accepted at the Community Closet and Food Pantry in Owosso, or you can use the enclosed envelope to make a gift.

FLINT CARES



Water Crisis Update

The **Flint Water Recovery Group**, also known as the Community Partners Group, is a partnership of the more than 120 non-profits, churches, grass-root organizations, individuals and residents that are working together to create short, intermediate, and long term solutions related to the crisis. It is a wealth of information, providing information on everything from job opportunities, gardening in Flint, caring for your pets, recycling water bottles, getting filters and much, much more.

The Flint water crisis may not be in the daily headlines anymore but the aftermath is still ongoing. We would like to take an opportunity to highlight **www.flintcares.com**. Flint Cares was created out of the Flint Water Recovery Group as a way to provide Flint residents with the most accurate, up-to-date and trustworthy information regarding the water crisis.

We are continuing our recovery efforts here at Catholic Charities and would like to share with you a letter we received which touched our hearts and we hope her words inspire you.

Our water distribution sites are still open Monday-Saturday 12-6pm, visit our website for site locations.



Dear Ms. Schultz,

My heart was so deeply moved when I read the article in our Sunday Visitor newspaper about the water crisis happening in Flint. I am a former Michigan resident. I moved away when I married in 1981. Being a military wife has taught me many skills but my most valued ones are the grace filled skills and gifts I've learned throughout my Catholic faith. As I mentioned the article tore at my heart. Michigan will always be my home at heart. My parents lived in the Flint area when they first married in 1953. I still remember their fond memories of that time.

I took the article to my parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Florida, ladies guild meeting. Everyone in attendance agreed to find what we could from our works of charities account. Please accept our check of \$300 and my personal check of \$20. I wish I could send more but things are tight since my husband passed away six years ago. So many trials everywhere in our world. . . I pray this brings comfort and relief to those in most need. I am aware the government is supplying aid, but also aware that not all needs are met immediately

God bless you in all your daily labors and serving God's most precious lambs. It takes a special heart to hear their bleating. I will keep you and all your staff and volunteers in my prayers. I pray daily for those who suffer and are in need of God's mercy. It touches my heart when Jesus reveals the names and faces of his suffering ones. I try to live this saying the army soldiers live by. . . leave no comrade behind' My husband was in the army for 21 years and I now have my middle son of 10 years service in the army keeping this service so alive. No one in need, no matter what that need is, should be left behind. I will try to send a little something when I can and will keep the prayers ever in the fore front of my heart for you all. May God's strength and peace envelope you in this extraordinary jubilee of God's Mercy.

*- Love and prayers always,
Eileen*



Water, from Hannah with Love

It has been a universal cause for concern in Flint for longer than we had hoped. When the water emergency began, none of us knew what was ahead. One thing we didn't expect was that **the need for water created the opportunity for friendship and giving.** Catholic Charities has heard from all 50 states in the union, and now in our second year as a donation site, we are seeing familiar faces returning with another donation of water for the families of Flint. Hannah, a college student from Grand Rapids, first came to us a year ago, late at night with a truck filled with water that she had collected from family and friends, all on her own. Of course her parents were proud supporters of her efforts, and she

used her dad's truck. This week Hannah and her friend Paloma visited us with even more water and donations – without her dad's truck. Every week we are fielding calls from schools and groups who have made our need part of their lives. Students from schools across the state and beyond are coming back bringing water for those in need, wondering how things are going and how they can help again this year. We have seen parishes from across the Diocese of Lansing staying in touch and bringing water and donations every chance they get. We welcome them as friends and look forward to seeing them all again – through recovery. If you would like more information on how you can help, please call **810-265-7025 x1.**

27 Years! Mr. Gaines Gardening PLUS Program

The Mr. Gaines Gardening PLUS Program is about to begin its 27th season! This program has gone from strength to strength thanks in large part to your support. Young people from across the county have received training and mentoring over the years – creating opportunities where once there

were none. In 2013 the program added a culinary and nutrition component. The program now has come full circle in teaching the youth not only how to grow, tend and harvest, but also how to sell, and even cook a nutritious meal! **In 2016, the program expanded to two new garden sites at NESK, located on Flint's north side adjacent to the Agency's North End Soup Kitchen.** The program continues to work with at-risk youth, teaching the youth life skills through positive role modeling and job mentoring while educating the youth on grief and loss, self-esteem, and substance use prevention. Many of the youth have gone on to pursue education in horticulture, culinary services and many



have gained employment opportunities after the program ends, becoming a positive force in the community. **We need your continued support with this program and appreciate every dollar we receive because we have had to divert funds due to the water recovery efforts.** If you would like more information about the program or how you can donate please contact Greg Gaines at 810 232 9950, ext. 379.

We Are Going Green!

Spring is upon us and we are celebrating Earth Day, April 22, on which events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network and celebrated in more than 193 countries each year.

To mark this day Catholic Charities will launch an initiative to increase electronic delivery of our Hopeliner newsletter!

This will not only save trees but save valuable dollars in printing costs that can be diverted to support our many programs providing valuable assistance to those who need it most. Jesus teaches us that we are stewards of Gods earth, ruling over that which is not ours and encourages us to...ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these

does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind..'

We would like to encourage you to live in a way that treads lightly on our precious planet and a good way to start is to receive this Hopeliner by e-mail! If you would like to Go Green please return the reply card below. If you would like to learn more about Earth Day visit www.earthday.org.

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Purchase a ring for a veteran in your life... in memory of a veteran... or because you know that freedom is not free! By purchasing a Freedom Ring you will be helping a veterans' agency, disabled veterans' organizations or a veterans' support group of your choice!

It seems like the New Year was just yesterday but Memorial Day is almost upon us! That is why we are proud to announce a new partnership with Innovative Health Magazine. This partnership will benefit our veterans and friends in need and create hope for this vulnerable group of people who have sacrificed so much. The Freedom Ring as an awesome gift for someone you love that has served, sacrificed and for some, paid the ultimate price for our freedom. For those who gave some and those who gave all! Help us raise millions of dollars

for our veterans! When you purchase a Freedom Ring, 50 % of the net profit will be earmarked to veterans' agencies, disabled veterans' organizations, or a veterans' support group of your choice! **Please consider purchasing a Freedom Ring and/ or a subscription to Innovative Health Magazine. A portion of your purchase will be donated to Catholic Charities. For more information call 810-487-9790 or visit www.thefreedomring.us.** If you would like to subscribe to Innovative Health Magazine visit www.innovativehealthmag.com



St. Patrick's Day Celebrations



The St. Patrick's Day festivities kicked off in spectacular fashion with our annual St. Patrick's Day Boxed Lunch fundraiser completely selling out! (top tip for next year, get your pre-order in early!) **We were able to sell all 2300 lunches and would like to extend a big Irish 'Go raibh maith agat' (thanks) to everyone who participated!**

In true Irish fashion, the traditional Irish mass started at 12:02 p.m. (because the Irish are notoriously late), held at St. Michael Catholic Church. Bishop Earl Boyea of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing and area priests offered the liturgy honoring St. Patrick. Just before mass **The Ancient Order of Hibernians awarded our very own President/CEO, Vicky Schultz, the 2017 Community Award for her remarkable work with Flint's most vulnerable.**



THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

The Protestant Reformation that swept Europe in the 16th century was marked by Royal intrigues over control of the Roman Church's wealth, and conflicts over which religion could be practiced. The Queen of England, Elizabeth I, declared the Church of England to be the State religion, and considered Ireland part of her state. Most Irish did not agree. The Papacy launched a counter-reformation and Ireland became a battlefield



of the lands to which they fled. In early nineteenth century America, the Ancient Order of Hibernians with its motto Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity became the most recent link in the evolution of those ancient societies. Organized with the same intention of defending Gaelic values under attack, it can claim continuity of purpose and motto unbroken back to the Defenders of 1565. The need for a defensive society in America was the same as it was in Ireland.



The early AOH in America remained a defensive, yet secret, society, and while little is known of its specific activities, it is known that it assisted Irish immigrants in obtaining jobs and social services. Membership was well-guarded and restricted to Irish-born. Even minutes books used member numbers instead of names to protect identities.



between the two forces as the Irish, who embraced the Church introduced by St. Patrick, became the target of a campaign to reduce Rome's power by converting the masses to Protestantism. The persistence with which the Irish clung to their religion drove the English to extremes in repression. Not surprisingly, secret societies were formed to protect the values under attack. Each society included in its avowed purpose, the protection of the Roman Church and its clergy. Due to the secret nature of these organizations, history provides us with little information about these societies.

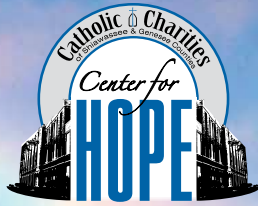
AOH now stands, not only as the oldest Catholic Lay organization in America, but the largest Irish Catholic society in the world with Divisions across the United States, and close ties with the AOH in Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales. Annual dances, concerts, and parades sponsored at all levels of the Order raise millions for charity while providing a showcase for the positive contributions the Irish have made in every walk of American life.

In the last 10 years The AOH in Flint has raised over \$300,000 for local charities. Their next fundraising event will be the Shellelagh Swing, a golf outing on Saturday, June 17th at the Copperridge Golf Course in Davison. The proceeds for the event go to Catholic Charities, The Disability Network, Special Olympics, The Shriners Burn Unit, Fr. Kohler's Cancer Camp (kids with cancer) and St. Lukes New Life Center. For more information please contact them through their website www.flintirish.org

If you are Irish and Catholic and would like more information about how to become a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernian please direct your inquiry to:
National Organizer,
AOH in America
263 E. South Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

What history does tell us however, is that continued oppression and periodic crop failures forced many Irish to flee to other lands for survival. The inclination toward secret societies which had developed in Ireland by now became an Irish defense mechanism, especially among those emigrants committed to the ethnic slums





Dreams Do Come True



You believed in our dream, and understood our vision of a place where the most vulnerable members of our community could come together for Help and Hope, and now the dream is coming true. Renovation of our Sr. Claudia Burke Center for Hope is underway!



Greg Coulier, Vicky Schultz, Jim Hall and Robert Sibilsky

The necessary demolition is nearly complete, and now the real work of transforming the 1953 portion of the former St. Michael School building into a functional community center begins. Vital updates are being made to ensure the legacy of the building, and create an attractive, highly functional space that continues to

medical services and health information — completing a circle of basic needs and support for the most vulnerable among us.

Together, our efforts at the Center for Hope will deliver a powerful message that the families and people of our community are important, that we can change what many feel is unchangeable—we can bring hope and change to Flint, one life at a time, forever changing our future. Gifts to Catholic Charities Center for Hope help to make basic services possible for those in our community who struggle every day for water to drink, food for their children and a safe place where people care. **Today, we are closing a funding gap of less than \$100,000 and are planning to complete construction by late summer 2017 with a grand re-opening in September!**



welcome residents who seek our help, regardless of their faith or situation in life.

Our community continues to struggle against ongoing economic turmoil and the ongoing water crisis recovery. We believe the Center for Hope will play an essential role in reaching out to those in need and giving them a hand up toward a brighter, healthier future. We are closer to the day when our doors will open to a beautiful, fully accessible facility. Soon, we will provide shower and laundry facilities, programs that teach nutrition and parenting, a warming center that shelters the homeless through the winter months, and a hot meal served every day of the year. Our Community Closet will offer clothing, blankets, personal needs and household items to warm homes and hearts, and our collaborative partner, Hamilton Health Network, will open a “micro clinic” on the second floor to provide basic





Comprehensive Adoption Services include:

- Monthly informational meetings for those interested in adoption.
- Home studies for domestic and international adoptions
- Education and training meetings for adoptive parents
- Adoptive parent support groups

Post-Adoption Services

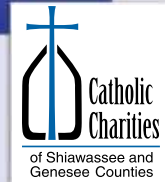
These services provide support for adoptees and birth parents who wish to search for their biological parent or child.

General Foster Care Services

We recruit, train, and license individuals and families interested in becoming foster parents for Catholic Charities. Children placed in foster care have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. Our goal is permanent placement for a child in a loving, caring, and safe environment.

For information, call 810-232-3418.

Counseling Services



Catholic Charities offers outpatient counseling services for adults, children and teens, as well as couples and families. We serve people of all faiths. Catholic or Christian counselors are available upon request.

Treatment Services Provided include:

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| Depression | Family Crisis |
| Anxiety | Domestic Violence |
| Grief and Loss | Parenting |
| Divorce | Pregnancy |
| Anger Management | *Call to inquire about additional services offered. |
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**Help is waiting.
Call today.**

Most insurances are accepted. Fees are based on a sliding scale

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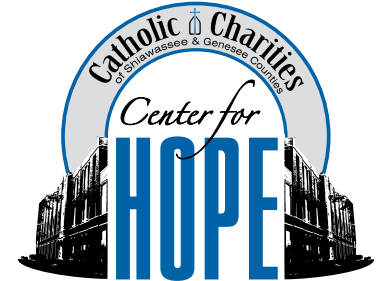
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Providing Help... Creating Hope



Warming Center Closes for the season

Spring is here! Catholic Charities' Center for Hope Warming Center, downtown Flint, is a place of refuge from the storms of life, literally! The Center closed on April 3 and will reopen again next December in our new facility! **We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our 7th season a welcoming refuge for those that need shelter from the cold!**



Have a Prayer Request?

If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention at our third Thursday Mass, email us givehope@ccsge.org



KID'S SUMMER CAMP



and other fun activities EVERY FRIDAY! Each family will receive a bag of food and cleaning supplies to take home. Lastly, at graduation, the campers receive a graduation certificate and a school bag full of school supplies! The camp is entirely free to the campers making it an amazing opportunity!

Now in its 20th year, the NESK Kids Camp has been providing academic as well as recreational activities for children in Flint. It all started in 1995 when there were children coming to the North End Soup Kitchen to eat without a parent or guardian with them. The Director, John Manse, with the help of a few volunteers, decided to have the kids play in the gym above the soup kitchen after lunch. In 1996 funds were provided through a grant from the Community Foundation of Flint Greater Flint, the Flint Genesee Chamber of Commerce, to hire teenagers to help during the summer months through the Summer Youth Initiative. The grant enabled The North End Soup Kitchen (NESK) run by Catholic Charities to give the small campers a safe,

loving and learning environment during the summer months, Monday – Friday, 7 hours each day.

The program has continued to be a success and today the campers enjoy breakfast, lunch, and participate in fun, educational lessons. They go on field trips throughout the summer that teach them about nutrition, smoke and fire safety training, anti-alcohol and tobacco use, and many other useful life lessons. This year, the camp will team up with Genesee Health System to provide Anti-Bully Camp during the last week. We also celebrate the importance of family at camp by holding Family Fun Fridays! The Pizza Party is for the entire family, and includes a bounce house

Registration:
June 21, 22, 23 - 10am to 1pm for ages 5-12

Register Location:
Our Lady of Guadalupe
2316 Coldwater Rd., Flint, MI 48505
Bring Medical Info for Your Kids and Your ID

Camp Begins:
June 26 - August 11
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. M-F

For More Information Call 810-785-6911
or E-mail jmanse@ccsgc.org

(Space is limited.)

Encouraging Positive Behavior

A small group education series focusing on empathy training, problem solving and impulse control as well as behavior management and bullying awareness.



Topics Include:

- Feeling Recognition
- Empathy
- Understanding Anger
- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Bullying Prevention

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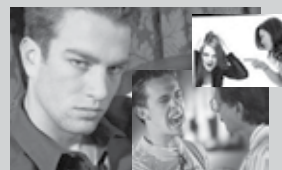
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Understanding Adolescent Anger



- Do you get angry a lot?
- Do you have trouble controlling your anger?
- Have you lost friends because of your anger?
- Is your anger causing problems at school, with your family, or the law?

If you answered yes to any of these, Understanding Anger may be right for you.

This 10-week class will help adolescents:

- Better manage anger and other emotions
 - Learn problem solving and decision making skills
 - Take personal responsibility for their feelings and actions
 - Reduce and manage stress
 - Understand the relationship between substance use and anger
- And much more!

For more information,
call the Catholic Charities Prevention Department.

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Virtual Run for Flint

Any time, Any where! This virtual race was created by Beth Kline-Markesino to help the Flint community in their ongoing recovery due to the water crisis.

What is a Virtual Race? Simply put a virtual race is a race on your own terms. This is a self-motivated competition that is organized online where you complete a specific distance by running, walking or cycling on a date and time of your choosing, anywhere in the world. Virtual racing can be done on a treadmill at home or at the gym, at the beach, with friends, alone, in the evening, or at the break of dawn, it's your choice. Whether you are looking to jump start your fitness routine or you're a competitive runner, a virtual race is a great way to get a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon or full Marathon under your belt. A portion

of your race fee is donated to charity and you receive cool bling and a swag bag with goodies in the mail.

The cost is only \$25 per person! The entry fee includes this beautiful race medal, and a portion of your race fee is donated to charity.

To sign up or for more information visit the We Run for Flint website at www.racesforawareness.com/shop/virtual-races/flint



Soupy the Van

Thanks to your generosity we have raised an amazing \$10,287 toward reaching our goal of \$30,000 for Soupy III! **A BIG THANKS** to everyone who has contributed! Your continued support is greatly appreciated so that we can get Soupy III rolling down the road!

"SOUPY II-OUR VAN"
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WITH OVER 170,000 MILES AND THOUSANDS OF PICKUPS AND DELIVERIES!
SHOW SOME LOVE...
HELP US GET SOUPY III WE NEED YOU!!!
Send your gift to:
Catholic Charities
c/o SOUPY!
901 Chippewa Street
Flint, MI 48503



We currently have two Go Fund Me campaigns which make donating easier than ever! We have made huge strides and thank everyone who has already donated to one of our campaigns, however there is still further to go! If you would like to check out and donate just go to the websites below. Thanks in advance!

Keep Flint Healthy

www.gofundme.com/feedflinthealthy

We have currently raised \$5,762 of our \$10,000 goal! We need your help to raise funds to allow us to purchase healthy, fresh foods like: fruits, vegetables and dairy products, that we will then be able to serve to our soup kitchen guests, distribute to those in need in our community and to help combat the effects of lead in their bodies! As you know fresh produce is EXPENSIVE! Help us provide them for the kiddos who need it the most.

Water Recovery for Flint

www.gofundme.com/WaterforFlintCCSGC

We have raised \$23,535 of our \$50,000 goal! During the Flint Water Recover Efforts, Catholic Charities is providing help to those in need through its Center for Hope Community Closet and North End Soup Kitchens. Families and individuals are able to take home bottled water as supplies permit.

HOPE

IN A BOX



Needs for
April
May
June

April – Deodorant

May – Bar & hand soap

June – Laundry soap

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Thursday Mass

Join us on the third Thursday of every month as we celebrate Mass in the chapel at St. Michael's Church. Mass begins at 8:45 a.m. This starts your day perfectly... and in the company of friends!

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Our 2017 Wish List

- 3 new picnic tables for our Mary Garden
- Adult-sized diapers – costly and necessary items at any stage in life!
- Furniture & Appliances – for families in need, often displaced.
- Gift cards – for school uniforms, shoes, pajamas, and stuffed animals for kids needing care.
- Infant formula and baby wipes
- Kitchen towels and aprons – for our Soup Kitchen volunteers
- Personal hygiene products i.e. deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste etc...
- Lawnmower
- New desktop scanners
- Cleaning supplies
- Professional development and training – specialized training for staff
- Respite for senior caregivers – for babysitters and any away, everyone needs a break!
- Work boots and career attire – to help people get a job and back to work
- Volunteers!!!



We Pick Up large items anywhere in Genesee or Shiawassee Counties