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Joel Feick interviewing visitor to the North End Soup Kitchen.

25 Day Food Drive

A special thank you to NBC 25 and Dort Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the "25 Days of Giving," which ran through the month of December. Thousands of pounds of food, as well as monetary contributions were donated to Catholic Charities three soup kitchens, helping to provide for those most in need.

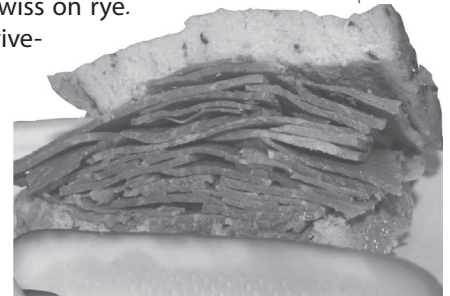
Thank you to everyone who supported this effort!



The delicious moment you've all been waiting for...



It's back! Catholic Charities' annual St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch sale will be held on Monday, March 17, 2014. Each lunch includes a sandwich, stacked high with corned beef and Swiss on rye, plus chips, coleslaw, a pickle and treat. Our drive-thru at 901 Chippewa, behind St. Michael Parish in Flint, will be open St. Patrick's Day from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For your convenience, we also offer free delivery for orders of 10 or more, in Genesee County. Lunches are \$6 each and can be pre-ordered immediately.



We have sold out of lunches for the last three years! Don't miss out. Order your box lunches today! 810-232-9950 ext. 325/226 or visit our website, www.ccsge.org.



St. Paul youth gearing up to serve lunch at the North End Soup Kitchen.

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Spreading the Love

Many volunteer groups serve in their own area, but the St. Paul Catholic Church youth group from Owosso has been making an effort to cross county lines, to serve those in need. They are coming soon to volunteer at the Community Closet and Food Pantry in Owosso. In addition, they recently volunteered at our North End Soup Kitchen to feed the hungry and homeless in Flint. We are grateful to this group and to all of the youth who share their time and talents to make our work possible.

Welcome Ancient Order of Hibernians

Catholic Charities is honored to once again welcome the Ancient Order of Hibernians to our Center for Hope Gym after their traditional St. Patrick's Day family Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church. Mass will begin at 12:02 p.m., on Monday, March 17, with a family walk immediately following. Afterward, stop next door at Catholic Charities for a delicious Irish meal, music, drinks and dancing! Everyone is welcome. More details are coming soon on our website and Facebook.





Faces of Hope

Thousands of area residents spent the holidays without power after an ice storm hit the region four days before Christmas. The lack of power was a temporary hardship for most, but for "Eric," the search for a warm, safe place to stay seems never-ending.

"Eric" arrived in the Warming Center at the Catholic Charities' Center for Hope the beginning of December 2013, after a roommate situation took a turn for the worse. Since then, the 46-year-old Flint resident has spent his days, and nights, at the Warming Center.

"I thank God for it," he said, adding that it beats trying to survive on the cold, dangerous streets. "It's peaceful down here, to tell you the truth ... I feel safe here because I'm not out there in the madness."

"Eric," who suffers from chronic depression, receives a small Social Security check, but it is not enough to cover rent, utilities, and other basic necessities. "Eric" is now hoping to qualify for housing and other assistance after a required 30-day waiting period for a couple of local programs.

"Everybody thinks we want money, but we just want help," he said, glancing around the Warming Center. "I don't want this. I just need one more chance."

In the meantime, "Eric," who has slept on park benches and in abandoned houses, is grateful to have a warm, safe place to stay. He is grateful for the daily hot meals at the Holy Angels Soup Kitchen. And he is thankful for the mittens and other clothing items that he has received at the Community Closet to keep him warm.

"I just hope I can get some help. I just want to be at peace today," he said. "I ain't giving up hope."



Calling All Volunteers...

Please join us on Wednesday, April 30, at 3:00 p.m. in Catholic Charities Center for Hope Gym, 517 E. Fifth Ave. in Flint for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!

tireless assistance." Catholic Charities' CEO Vicky L. Schultz agrees, "People in this area have an amazing giving spirit. We want to thank all of the individuals who make

"Our volunteers do everything from cooking and serving meals at our Soup Kitchens to sorting clothes and distributing personal needs items at the Community Closet and everything in between. The volunteers are



Volunteers from Holy Redeemer in Burton.

the heart of our work," according to Jon K. Manse, director of the North End Soup Kitchen.

"We want each and every volunteer to know just how grateful we are for their

our work possible, and this annual dinner is just one small way we can acknowledge all they do for those in need. These people make a difference every day."

The event is free to all Catholic Charities' volunteers and includes a delicious dinner prepared by Community Services Director Jon Manse, door prizes and annual awards. To reserve your seat at this year's dinner, or to donate a door prize, call (810)-785-6911 or mail jmanse@ccsgc.org.

Are You a Coupon Clipper?



Use your bargain hunting talents to help those in need!

Catholic Charities' Community Closet is in need of toothpaste, hand and dish soap, laundry detergent, women's deodorant, feminine care products, and toilet paper, as well as shampoo and shaving supplies. Travel sized items are welcome. Non-perishable food is also needed for our three Flint soup kitchens and Owosso food pantry. Every item makes a difference, so clip those coupons!

In Flint: Mon.- Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
517 E. Fifth Ave., 810-265-7025

In Owosso: Mon.- Thurs., 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

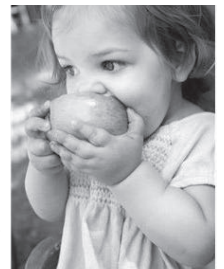
120 W. Exchange St., Ste. 300, 989-723-8239

Providing Help... Creating Hope



FACT: More than one in every six Americans experiences hunger.

To help fight hunger in our area, Catholic Charities Community Closet and Food Pantry in Owosso is asking for non-perishable foods like peanut butter, canned meat, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, rice, soup, and pasta. Items can be dropped off Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or on Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 120 West Exchange Street, Suite 300. For more information call 989-723-8239.



MEET ROBERT...

Robert is a fun and loveable nine-year-old, with a terrific smile, and a great sense of humor. Like many boys, in his spare time he likes to play video games and sports; he especially likes basketball. At school, Robert's favorite subject is Science, in particular he likes to learn about "stars and planets." His favorite foods are potatoes and fish, however, he says you may have a hard time getting him to eat broccoli. Like so many children living in foster care, Robert's dream is to find his "forever family." If you have room in your heart and home for this special guy, call our Adoption Department at 810-232-3418, ext. 324 or 376.



Owosso In Need

The harsh winter weather has driven up heating costs and is straining resources for many local families who are already living on tight budgets. Our Community Closet and Food Pantry in Owosso is in need of toiletries and non-perishable food, as well as blankets, to help families in need. Items can be dropped off Monday-Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Fridays, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our office is located at 120 W. Exchange Street, Owosso, or you can call for the nearest Hope in a Box drop-off location.

Thinking About Adoption?

Have you ever thought about adopting, or opening your home to a child who needs a loving foster family? Catholic Charities offers free informational meetings, where all your adoption and foster care questions can be answered by one of our adoption specialists. Meetings are held in Flint the second Tuesday of each month from

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call our Foster Care and Adoption Department for more information.

Forty adoptions were completed at Catholic Charities last year, however, more children are still waiting to find a family to love. Maybe next Christmas, they can really be "Home" for the holidays.

Driver's License and Substance Use Assessments

Catholic Charities offers assessments for the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan Secretary of State, as well as courts and lawyers, for persons facing MIP, DUI, or DWI charges. Our licensed substance abuse professionals provide recommendations for further education, counseling or other interventions as necessary.



FACT:

Last year, 10,791 volunteers provided more than 40,000 hours of service at Catholic Charities! Thank You!

Have a Prayer Request?

If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, email us! givehope@ccsgc.org



What are you waiting for?



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Lentil Soup

Meals by Manse



Jon Manse, Community Services Director at Catholic Charities, has managed our meal programs for more than 18 years. Check out this genuine North End Soup Kitchen Recipe that you can try at home!

This cold, windy weather gives you the perfect excuse to stay indoors and try a new comfort food. This recipe for Lentil Soup comes from Jon Manse, our Community Services Director. Give it a try and let us know what you think.

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil	1 quart low-sodium vegetable broth
1 medium celery stalk, diced	1 can diced tomatoes, with their juices
1 medium carrot, diced	1 1/4 cups lentils, rinsed (any color except red)
1/2 medium yellow onion, diced	1 bay leaf
3 medium garlic cloves, minced	1/4 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme
Salt	1 teaspoon red wine or sherry vinegar
Ground black pepper	Fresh spinach, about 1/2 a bunch

(Serves about 8)

Instructions:

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat for about 3 minutes. Add the celery, carrot, and onion, stirring occasionally until the vegetables have softened. Stir in the garlic and cook until soft. Season with several pinches of salt and pepper. Add the broth, tomatoes, lentils, bay leaf, and thyme, stir to combine. Bring to a simmer and cover. Once simmering, reduce the heat to low and continue simmering, covered, until the lentils and vegetables are soft. Season with salt and pepper to taste, then stir in the vinegar. Add the spinach and stir until wilted. If you prefer a creamier texture, purée half of the soup in a blender and add it back to the pot.





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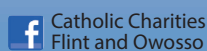
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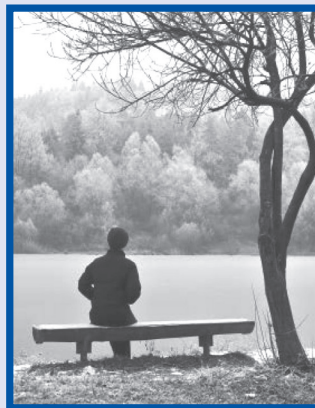
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WINTER BLUES?

Lack of sunlight during the winter months can contribute to Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a type of depression that primarily affects people in the northern latitudes. This disorder can cause tiredness and lack of interest, as well as problems in relationships and difficulties functioning in day to day life. If you think you might be suffering from depression, Catholic Charities can help.

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of a child

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From the Desk of Our President

For more than 72 years, Catholic Charities has been a steadfast presence in our community, striving to provide for those most in need. I admit that times are tough, both for our clients and our agency. Each year it is a struggle to close the gap between the cost to provide services, and the dollars we actually receive to support our programs. Despite our current economy and changing government policies, we continue to push forward to serve both Shiawassee and Genesee Counties.

Through your support, you join with us each and every day as we give Hope to those who are struggling to survive. I ask you to use the enclosed envelope to help us continue to change lives right here in our own communities. Your generosity makes our work possible. Together, we are making a difference. Thank you for your continued support!

Vicky L. Schultz

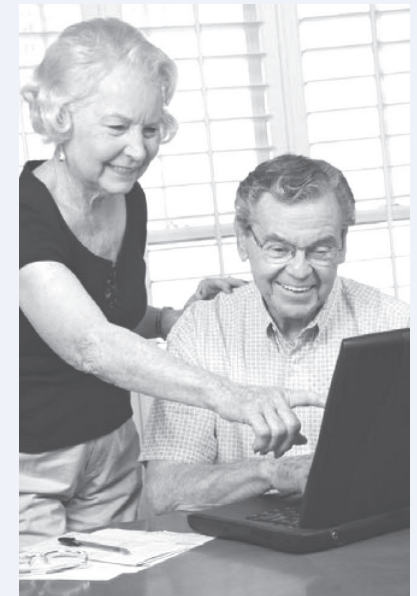
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What is Your Legacy?

Now is the time to consider how you will touch the lives of those who follow you. Discuss with your loved ones the possibility of leaving a gift to Catholic Charities in your will or living trust.

Your gift in any amount can make a significant difference in the lives of those who come after you. You choose how your bequest will be used by designating a program, or programs you would like to support.

We invite you to join our efforts to make a change in the lives of those in need. Our work of Providing Help and Creating Hope can be your legacy. For more information on how to make a will or living trust, talk with your financial advisor.



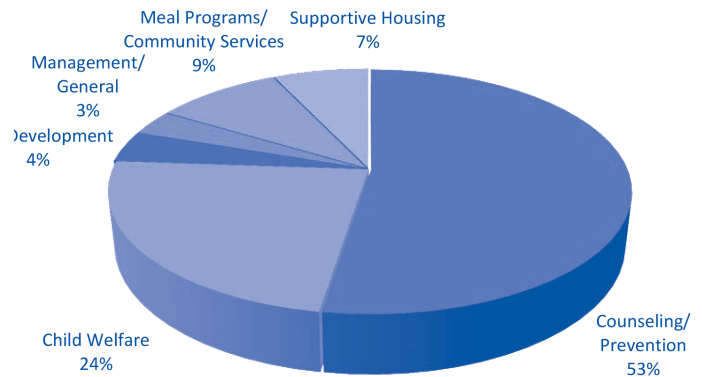
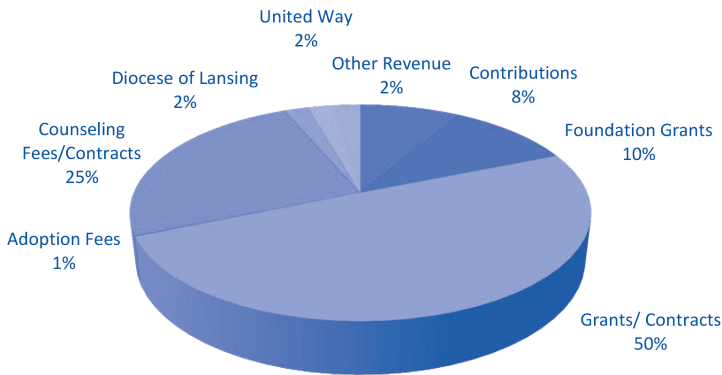
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2012-2103 Annual Report



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Resources and Support			Expenses		
	Dollars	% of Total		Dollars	% of Total
Contributions	\$ 514,856	8%	Counseling/Prevention	\$ 3,186,267	53%
Foundation Grants	\$ 634,749	10%	Child Welfare	\$ 1,430,559	24%
Grants/ Contracts	\$ 3,041,371	50%	Fund Development	\$ 248,653	4%
Adoption Fees	\$ 6,588	1%	Management/General	\$ 206,897	3%
Counseling Fees/Contracts	\$ 1,515,753	25%	Meal Programs/Community Services	\$ 564,731	9%
Diocese of Lansing	\$ 122,188	2%	Supportive Housing	\$ 428,792	7%
United Way	\$ 141,070	2%			
Other Revenue	\$ 128,724	2%			

Prevention/Education Services (by county)

Genesee

Hours of Service	3,867
Number of Recipients	9,044

Shiawassee

Hours of Service	1,515
Number of Recipients	5,674

Counseling Services

Genesee

Hours of Service	44,157
Number of Recipients	3,841

Department of Corrections

Hours of Service	2,710
Number of Recipients	401

Shiawassee

Hours of Service	6,204
Number of Recipients	690

Department of Corrections

Hours of Service	1,024
Number of Recipients	70

Child Welfare

Adoptions	38
Children in Foster Care	115
Total Days in Care	25,641

Community Services

North End, Holy Angels and South Flint Soup Kitchens	
Hot meals	109,253
Sack Lunches	42,643

Holy Angels Community Closet - Genesee

Number of Recipients	47,126
Toiletries Distributed	70,133
Clothes Distributed	142,664
Household Items Distributed	117,441

Community Closet and Food Pantry - Shiawassee

Number of Recipients	2,717
Toiletry Items Distributed	4,584
Food Bags	1,125

Holy Angels Warming Center

(December - March)	12,674
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Volunteers

Number of Volunteers	16,602
Volunteer Hours	62,171

Home Based Program

Healthy Start

Home Visits	916
Clients Served	229

Mr. Rogers Program

Hours of Service	1,508
Number of Recipients	3,968

Kinship Caregivers Program

Hours of Service	370
Number of Recipients	238

Homeless Services

Case Management Recipients	116
Transitional Boarding House Clients	24
Total Services Delivered	789