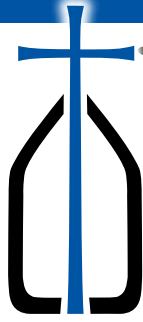


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From the Desk of Our President

## On the Homestretch to reaching our goal!

Inspiring concern for others and fostering the common good is my job. Over the holidays, we sent out letters asking for help raising the \$470,000 needed to reach our \$6.5 mil capital campaign goal. Thank you for caring and giving! With \$200,000 remaining, tear-down begins to remove a smaller portion of the expansive former school. It's hard to believe we are truly on the home stretch now.

Cherished memories of St. Mike's and the Flint School of Choice will live on in the hearts of hundreds of former students, teachers, parents, family members, friends, volunteers, and other community members. The final walk-through of the school took place on a Sunday morning over Christmas break, with 300 people spending hours in a building with no heat--waxing nostalgia! It was heart-warming!

**Thank you for making our 4-year Labor of Love project possible!** We can't thank you enough. Hope to see you at our Center for Hope "GRAND OPENING" in the Fall, 2017. For more information, or ways you can help close the \$200K campaign gap, please contact Mary Stevenson at 810-232-9950 ext. 228, or Sheila Shegos, ext.222.

Best wishes everyone for a blessed New Year!

- Vicky L. Schultz, Chief Executive Officer

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS STILL DISTRIBUTING WATER! FLINT WATER CRISIS & RECOVERY UPDATE

Supporting our Flint residents and the homeless... See Flint Cares.com website or CCSGC.org (under Community Tab!) for more information...

Catholic Charities' Center for Hope, water distribution is temporarily located at 575 Louisa Street, under the tent canopy near the parking garage, next to main agency off Chippewa - Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am to 3:30pm!



Our water donations have decreased in recent months and there is still need. **Please help us ensure that families are receiving enough water to drink, cook, and use for bathing.** Contact Mary Stevenson at the Center for Hope, 810-232-9950 ext. 228, to schedule water donations and drop-off. Donations to help with Water Crisis Recovery can be noted on the remittance envelope enclosed.

## Catholic Charities, OWOSSO On the move!

Our new office is located at 1480 N. M-52, Suite 1, Owosso. We are planning a community open house, once we get unpacked.



Thanks to C&L Ward, Cumulus and the Flint Firebirds for hosting our 3rd Annual Kickoff "Stuff the Truck" event at the Dort Federal Event Center! We collected more than 1,400 pounds of food and clothing at the Flint Firebirds vs. Saginaw Spirit hockey game. John Manse, Community Services Director helped drop the game puck. The 50/50 raffle raised more than \$4,000! We are soooo looking forward to next year! Start collecting your food and personal needs items!

SEE INSIDE: "The Day Before" St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch Sale & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

# Flint Water Crisis POD Sites & Help Centers

## Help Centers:

In addition to state PODS, community organizations have established two help centers that are open to all residents. The two Help Centers, are based at Bethel United Methodist Church and Greater Holy Temple COGIC. They offer resources and services including bottled water, a variety of foods and fresh produce, personal care items, nutritional services, physical health services and mental health services. Help Centers are a one stop shop for residents! Location of the Community Help Centers:

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
1309 N. Ballenger Hwy.

**Greater Holy Temple COGIC**  
6702 N. Dort Hwy.

**Hours of Operation:**  
**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:**  
10am to 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:**  
8am to 2:30 p.m.

## Water Distribution Sites

There are Point Of Distribution Sites (PODS) all around Flint. These are state locations that employ Flint residents to distribute water and filters. These are drive-thru locations and there is one in each ward of the City.

Free bottles of water, water filters, replacement cartridges, and home water testing kits are available at the following locations. Water resource sites (or PODS) do **NOT** ask for **IDs**. They may ask for your address but you do not need to give it if you feel uncomfortable. They are asking for addresses in an attempt to confirm only Flint residents are getting the water.

**POD hours are Monday - Saturday 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.**

- Ward 1 – Ross Plaza, 2320 Pierson Road
- Ward 2 – St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 3020 DuPont St
- Ward 3 – Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 4805 N. Saginaw St.
- Ward 4 – 2804 N. Franklin Ave – between Maryland and Dakota
- Ward 5 – Former Flint Farmer's Market Building – 420 E. Boulevard
- Ward 6 – West Court Street Church of God, 2920 W. Court St.
- Ward 7 – Grace Emanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd.
- Ward 8 – Lincoln Park United Methodist Church, 3410 Fenton Road
- Ward 9 – Eastown Bowl Bowling Alley, 3001 S. Dort Highway

There are many churches and organizations distributing water throughout the city as well. Call 2-1-1 (or 866-561-2500 if your phone won't dial 2-1-1) for more information.

## Jobs Available!

**100+ water related positions paying \$15.00 per hour available in Flint.**

### WATER AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

MichiganWORKS! is taking applications for many jobs that will help various services to City of Flint residents. City of Flint residents are preferred. All of the openings can be found at <http://gstmiworks.org/job-seekers/resources/hotjobs/>

**Over 100 of the positions below are open and in need of applicants!**

### FLINT WATER FILTER EDUCATION LIAISON

GST Michigan Works! Is seeking Filter Education Liaisons for work experience positions to assist with education related to the water crisis in Flint. This is a work experience opportunity which may last up to one year. Participants may be scheduled up to 40 hours per week; Monday through Saturday. The purpose of this position is to educate Flint residents on filter efficacy and the proper installation and maintenance of water filters. The work done by Filter Education Liaisons will play

a critical role to ensure that Flint residents are aware of the safeguards to protect themselves from lead contaminated water.

### Job Responsibilities:

- Door-to-Door canvassing
- Home delivery of filters and applicable filter cartridges
- Installation of water filters which are currently certified by NSF International for lead reduction.

### In the homes of Flint residents:

- Installation of filter cartridges in water filters in homes of Flint residents
- Demonstrate, teach and affirm the proper ways of installing and maintaining water filters and their cartridges
- Demonstrate professional attitude in completion of duties
- Keep a clean and safe working environment and optimize space utilization
- Communicate and cooperate with supervisors and coworkers
- Operate and maintain assigned equipment
- Follow quality service standards and comply with procedures, rules and regulations

**Salary:** \$15 per hour

### Qualifications:

- City of Flint residents preferred.
- Must have a layoff/termination within the last five years, and be currently unemployed or part-time employed
- Must pass Background/Drug Screening/Physical
- High School Diploma or GED required, Associates' Degree preferred
- After hired, required to complete a core competency training
- Must have excellent communication skills
- Individuals who are bilingual (speak Spanish) and/or competent in American Sign Language (ASL) are highly preferred
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must have a vehicle to drive (job requires door to door canvassing)
- Vehicle must be insured and registered

### Application Deadline:

**Until Positions Are Filled**

### To Apply:

Please send resume to [flintwater@gstmiworks.org](mailto:flintwater@gstmiworks.org) and place "Filter Education Liaison" in the subject line. Resumes may also be dropped off in Suite 325A at GST Michigan Works, Tyneshia Hall at (810) 820-3370, ext. 722 or for questions contact, Lumetta Parker-Smith at (810) 233-5974, ext. 170.

# Farmer in Chief Mr. Gaines, helping Flint's Youth

It's hard to believe, but there was a time when Greg Gaines didn't know a green from a weed.

But that was long before he became farmer-in-chief of Catholic Charities' award-winning gardening and mentoring program for at-risk youth, where he's spent more than a quarter of a century helping Flint-area teens learn how to find and keep a job.

Gaines has become such an iconic figure in the program that it underwent a name change this past summer to honor his dedication to transforming the lives of young people. What used to be called the Mr. Rogers Summer Gardening Program is now officially renamed the Mr. Gaines Gardening PLUS Program (the "PLUS" stands for People Learning Useful Stuff).

Gaines has been the program director for the Flint-area garden program since 1990, when it began with young men who were at risk for academic failure. Today, the program includes young women, too.

"It just grew and grew and grew, well beyond my expectations. These kids have become a part of me and a part of my life," said Gaines, 68, during a recent meeting at Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties. **"I turned the job down three times at first. But if God's got a plan for you, you're gonna do it whether you want to or not."**

The new name isn't the only exciting

change this past year. The program expanded to a new location on Flint's north side next to the North End Soup Kitchen. What was once a vacant lot is now gardens tended by Flint-area teens (during the summer).

Under the umbrella of Catholic Charities and with Gaines' steady hand, the program provides paid summer jobs and mentorship for high school students while teaching them job skills, teamwork and work ethic. The youth can't be afraid to get their hands dirty – they plant, grow, harvest and sell produce grown in the Flint area. They also make fresh produce available to area seniors, who often struggle with access to fresh foods.

Not only does the program change the lives of young people, but Gaines himself has seen a transformation. He retired in 2004 from Flint Metal Fab after spending 38 years in management. Fast-forward to 2015, when he was presented with the "Farmer of the Year" award from the Michigan Food and Farming Systems.

This past year, the program included 68 students who were paid \$8.50 an hour – much higher than the \$1.25 they were paid in the program's first year.

The youth leave the 12-week program with the skills needed to obtain a variety of entry-level jobs, and the ability to cook a meal for their family. In addition to timeliness and communication, they learn money handling, salesmanship and food preparation – knowledge that could be applicable in a variety of careers.

This past year, expanding the program to put gardens on land that used to have houses wasn't easy, Gaines said. They had to contend with buried foundations, thick roots and installing an irrigation system, but in the end they ended up with a beautiful landscape that fed the surrounding community, Gaines said. Neighbors were personally invited to take whatever they wanted to eat from the garden, which grew tomatoes, squash,



green beans, cabbage, onions, potatoes, zucchini and peppers.

The youth program started in 1988 in Saginaw under its original namesake, founder Wendell Rogers, who worked for the Michigan Department of Corrections at the time. It merged with Catholic Charities in 2006.

Today, program alumni are scattered across the country. Some go on to related careers in horticulture or farming. Others go a different way – but the lessons from Mr. Gaines and staff still apply.

**Nicky Edwards, 23, is a Flint police officer who credits Mr. Gaines with instilling in him the desire to do community service.**

"He didn't even know us but he believed in us," said Edwards, who went through the program in 2011. "I thank him for all he has poured into us from the beginning."

To express his gratitude, Edwards enacted a kindhearted scheme at the program's annual dinner in October. During a pause in Gaines' remarks at the podium, a uniformed Edwards stood up and ordered Gaines to put his hands behind his back.

As the crowd chuckled, Edwards cuffed his mentor, then turned to face him: "I just want to thank you. You've allowed many young people to be successful... Society

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said that we wouldn't make it. Because of you and the staff of the Mr. Gaines program – I want to say thank you because we are making it."

Edwards fondly recalls the "Mr. Rogers pledge," which the students would recite each morning before getting down to business. The self-affirming verse is now called the "Mr. Gaines pledge."

**"I am in the Mr. Gaines summer jobs program. I am somebody. I am important. I can make a difference.**

Today I'll do my best to learn and behave. I represent myself, my family, my school and my neighborhood. I am somebody. I am important. I am in the Mr. Gaines summer jobs program.

And I WILL make a difference."



Edwards still revisits the pledge from time to time when he feels low. It helped him through tough times, he said, just like the program kept him out of trouble.

"Based on the friends I was hanging around with, I had the possibility of going the wrong way," he said. "That's one of the things that program helped me with.

First, identify where I was and who I was hanging round with. And second, where I would like to be in the future."

**Rahshemeer Neal, a Lansing firefighter who went through the program when he was 14, said it was the foundation for him to become the hard worker he is today.** Every day, mentors drilled into the participants the importance of education, workplace safety and how to find and keep a job, he said.

"You guys can make it too," he told current students at the annual dinner. "Don't be a product of your environment. To me, I don't like that excuse. Because I know if I can make it out, you can."

It's not always easy. Neal described getting up at 5:30 a.m. and walking to work in the chilly morning hours. Then, by about 10 a.m., tending the gardens got to be hot, sweaty work.

Still, many say the program is rewarding. The youth in this year's program who were asked to reflect on the experience were thankful for the opportunity.

"Words can't even explain how much the program has meant to me," said Jasmine Humphries in a handwritten testimonial. "I know I'm not the easiest person to work or get along with, but I am very thankful for the opportunity to have worked with this program for two years."

Historically, the program has received financial support from a variety of sources. This past year, it included \$80,000 from the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce Summer Youth Initiative. It was also awarded a \$60,000 grant from the Ruth Mott Foundation with a possible additional \$40,000 fundraising match. *(Match raised! Our gratitude to our many supporters!)*

**Flint resident Omari Byron, 19, first went**



**through the program in 2012 before working his way up to being a youth supervisor. It gave him the skills he needed to get the job he has now, a horticulture seasonal assistant at Applewood Estate for the Ruth Mott Foundation.**

"It helps kids get good work experience and keeps kids off the streets and out of trouble," said Byron, who hopes to own his own business someday. "It's definitely a good program for Flint."

*Gaines program interviews and article written by Kristin Longley, Director of Communications, Ruth Mott Foundation.*

**For more information contact Greg Gaines at 232-9950, ext. 379.**

**HOPE** Needs for February  
**IN A BOX** Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties  
**March**  
**April**

- February: Shampoo**
- March: Feminine care products**
- April: Deodorant**

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 Follow us!

**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@ccsgc.org](mailto:givehope@ccsgc.org)

# Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties 2015/16 ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### SOUP KITCHENS— North, South, Center for Hope

Hot Meals	137,417
Sack Lunches	49,085
Warming Center Meals	10,685
Total Meals	197,187

### CENTER FOR HOPE COMMUNITY CLOSET—GENESEE

Clients Served	51,411
Toiletries	94,250
Clothing	254,080
Household Items	64,603
Furniture & Appliances	455

### COMMUNITY CLOSET & FOOD PANTRY—SHIAWASSEE

Clients Served	1,923
Toiletries	3,724
Food Bags	1,431

### CENTER FOR HOPE WARMING CENTER—GENESEE

(Clients Served, Dec.—Mar.) 10,976

## VOLUNTEERS

Number of Volunteers	18,664
Volunteer Hours	72,686

## OUTREACH ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Clients Served -	
(Shelter/Utilities/Medical Transport)	829
Direct Assistance Total \$\$\$	176,653

*Serving the poor,  
vulnerable  
& homeless-  
meeting people  
where they are with  
Faith,  
Compassion,  
& Service -  
not judgment -  
is our mission and work*



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*From Crisis to Recovery — Assisting Everyone in NEED!*

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# Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties 2015/16 ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMUNITY

## PREVENTION EDUCATION SERVICES

### Genesee

Service Hours	5,848
Clients Served	12,286

### Shiawassee

Service Hours	1,104
Clients Served	4,116

## KINSHIP CAREGIVERS PROGRAM

Seniors Served	91
Senior Training Hours	293
Respite Recipients	27
Respite Hours	2,625

## MR. GAINES GARDENING PROGRAM

Youth Employed	57
Youth Garden Hours	14,513
Garden Sales \$\$\$	\$6,432.48



## COUNSELING SERVICES

### Genesee

Service Hour	10,993
Clients Served	1,892

### Shiawassee

Service Hours	2,971
Clients Served	491

## Department of Corrections

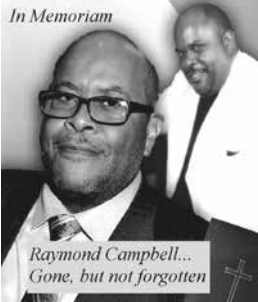
Service Hours	6,212
Clients Served	805

## CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Adoptions	15
Children in Foster Care	86
Total Days in Care	15,087
Total Home Visits	2,976

*Serving in schools, churches and other locations - strengthening youth & families for success in home & community life*

*Assisting individuals & families in need - seeking and offering loving homes & forever families*



*In Memoriam of Raymond Campbell - who served the Mr. Gaines Gardening Program over 10 Years. His legacy will live on in the hearts of the youth, families, staff and community impacted by him.*

*Raymond Campbell...  
Gone, but not forgotten*

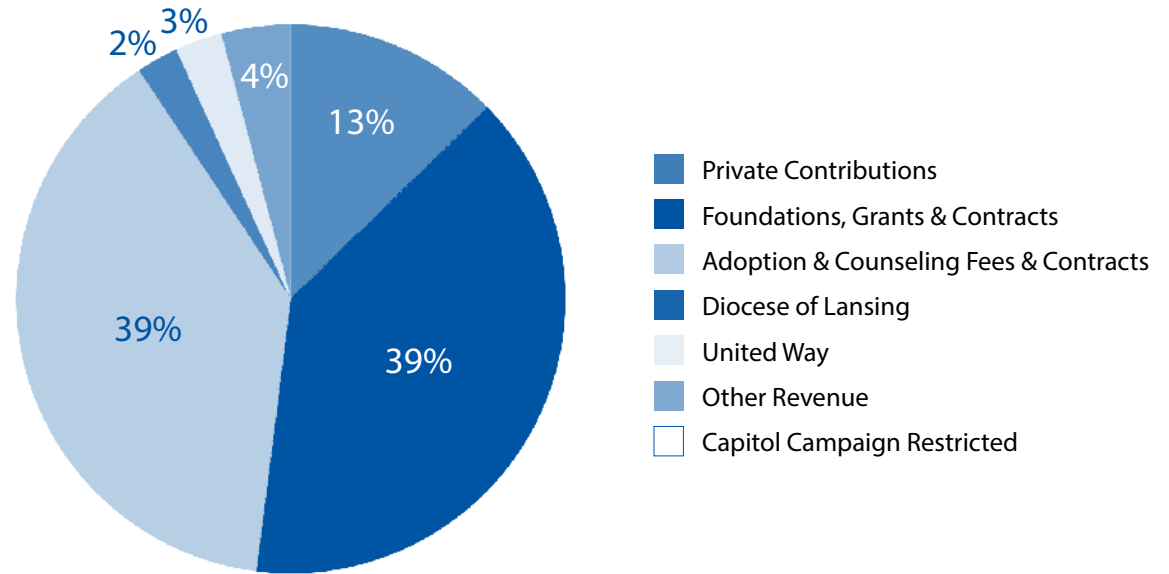


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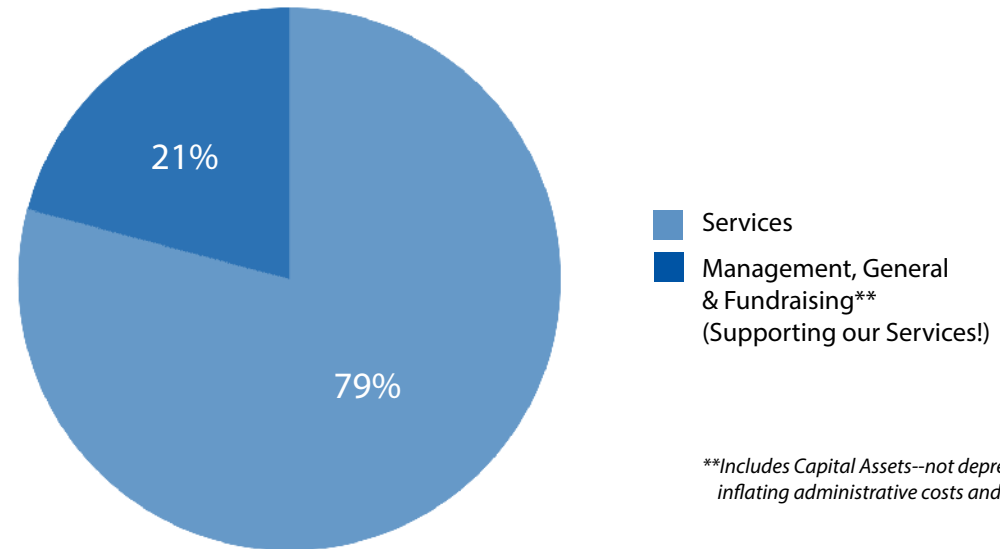
## INCOME

Private Contributions	\$662,275
Foundations, Grants & Contracts	\$2,045,783
Adoption & Counseling Fees & Contracts	\$2,013,954
Diocese of Lansing	\$129,898
United Way	\$142,438
Other Revenue	\$213,612
Sub Total	\$5,207,960
Capital Campaign Restricted	\$756,258
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,964,218</b>



## WHERE YOUR GIFTS WERE SPENT

Services	\$4,025,733
Management, General & Fundraising**	\$1,059,966
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,085,739</b>



\*\*Includes Capital Assets--not depreciated, inflating administrative costs and percentages.

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# 2017 North End Soup Kitchen Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Celebrating National Volunteer Week

Watch for more information about our beloved Volunteer Appreciation Dinner scheduled for April 26th  
3:00pm – 5pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Flint. To RSVP contact John at 810-785-6911



## Christmas Presents

### for the Kids at NESK!

The North End Soup Kitchen gymnasium gets filled with Christmas gifts, toys and clothing just before Christmas so families in need can give their own kids and families a gift for Christmas. After many years organizing this, the willingness of people to give never surprises us. This year we served 1,650 children and 150 adults are grateful for the many individuals, families, schools, businesses and volunteers that provide smiles on Christmas morning! Special thanks to City School Grand Blanc, Central Elementary-Flushing, and Flushing High School! Christmas Angel Tree sign-up starts up again in November 2017. Merry-MERRY!



### THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS BRING HOPE

Our gratitude to the many holiday volunteers that helped prepare and serve meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Volunteers bring hope and help to people who are struggling. To volunteer, please call John Manse at 810-785-6911. Help is needed daily at three Soup Kitchens, the Center for Hope Community Closet and Warming Center — until March, when the weather gets warmer.

**18 DAYS**  
A baby's heartbeat can be heard in just 18 days after conception.  
CALL or TEXT Katie at 810-701-5949 for 24/7 support.

**Warming Center**  
Opens for its 7th Season

Catholic Charities' Center for Hope Warming Center, downtown Flint, is a place of refuge from the storms of life, literally! We started this program 7 years ago as our CEO, Vicky Schultz, was looking out her office window on a very snowy-stormy day. She saw a man walking to get his lunch and was troubled that he had to eat from a paper bag outside in the cold. The Center for Hope Warming Center opens in December and closes in March. Volunteers are needed to serve lunch daily at the Warming Center, contact John at 810-785-6911.



# UPCOMING EVENTS & News

## Center for Hope Valentine's Day Celebration

The Center for Hope will host a Valentine's Day Celebration, February 14th, from 1:00pm-2:30pm. We need cookies, party goods, napkins, cups and plastic serviceware is welcomed! (Balloons and any other type of festive décor is welcome too!) Contact Mary at 810-232-9950, ext. 228.

## NESK Youth Employment & Summer Camp has a NEW LOCATION

— Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flint!

Looking forward to working with the many volunteers and staff to support our area youth! For ways to help kids, please contact John Manse, Camp Director at 810-785-6911.

## The United Catholic Appeal

WATCH FOR your opportunity to support area Catholic agencies coming up soon in your parish bulletin! (Save your crumpled pocket dollars, folks! Change works just fine too, kids!)

## TIME TO ORDER YOUR ST. PAT'S DAY BOXED LUNCHES!

St. Patrick's Day Boxed Lunches help usher in springtime and brings out the fun and green in everyone! Order lunches today for yourself, the family, office, school or other parties and community gatherings and enjoy a deli-fresh, inches-thick corned-beef sandwich on rye with crunchy coleslaw, a pleasingly-sour and delish dill-

pickle, and top that off with a gooey-sweet treat—with ABSOLUTELY NO GUILT! We will be celebrating the holiday starting a day earlier, on **THURSDAY, MARCH 16th!** Lunches are \$7 each.

For pre-orders and deliveries, call: 810-232-9950, ext. 225. Or, order online @ [www.ccsgc.org](http://www.ccsgc.org)



## "The Day Before" St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch Sale!



Thursday, March 16, 2017

Catholic Charities invites you to join...  
the celebration of our annual  
St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch Sale!



ONLY \$7

ORDER  
YOURS  
TODAY!

Lunches include a delicious sandwich, stacked high with corned beef and Swiss on rye, served with chips, coleslaw, pickle and treat - all for **ONLY \$7!**

Drive-thru located at 901 Chippewa St.,  
behind St. Michael Church in Flint.  
Open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Order 15 or more Lunches,  
we'll deliver, free of charge, in Genesee County.

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**New Location! 1480 N. M52 • Suite 1 • Owosso**

## Shamrock Smoothie

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!

With St. Pats Day coming up soon, share this smoothie with your friends and family after your St. Pat's Boxed Lunch!



### Ingredients:

- 1 Banana
- 1 C. Vanilla Yogurt
- ½ C. Irish Cream Coffee Creamer
- 2 Drops Green Food Coloring
- 1 Tbsp Honey
- 2-3 Peeled Kiwi's

Freeze Peeled Kiwi, keep on hand a few Kiwi slices to top your Green Smoothie after blending all the ingredients.

Mint Leaves Optional!

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 Food Pantry in Owosso, or you can use the enclosed envelope to make a gift.



# 25 Days of Giving!

Partners NBC 25, FOX 66 and Dort Federal Credit Union teamed up again for the 4th Annual "25 Days of Giving" project. Throughout the month of December, area businesses, schools, and organizations collected non-perishable food and personal need items, as well as hats, gloves, and mittens to help those in need during the holidays. These items were given to individuals and families in both Genesee and Shiawassee Counties.

**THANKING NBC 25,  
FOX 66, DORT FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNION & YOU!!**



Benefitting Catholic Charities' Community Services program Soup Kitchens and Community Closet, these wonderful organizations, with help from devoted community members raised 7,146 lbs. of food, clothing and winter apparel, AND another \$3,647 in monetary donations to support the Soup Kitchens. *Whoop, Whoop!* **THANKS for a great month of holiday giving EVERYONE and especially the Dort Federal Credit Union branch and C&L Ward drop off sites!**

- 2845 Davison Road in Flint
- 1091 W. Hill Road, in Mundy Township
- 1441 S. State Road in Davison
- 5091 W. Pierson Road, Flushing
- 9050 Holly Road, Grand Blanc Township
- 14265 Fenton Road, Fenton
- 1742 DeMille Road, Lapeer
- C&L Ward, 9284 Lapeer Road, Davison

## 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:

- |                |                   |                  |   |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| Depression     | Family Crisis     | Divorce          | Pregnancy   |
| Anxiety        | Domestic Violence | Anger Management | *Call to inquire about additional services offered. |
| Grief and Loss | Parenting         | Substance Use    |   |
|                |                   | Addiction        |   |

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# Skateland Arena Mt. Morris

Skateland opened its doors to help families in need over the Christmas break. Owners, the McCombs family of Mt. Morris, experienced more excitement than they probably expected when they opened their doors to host the December 29th Open Skate. Shortly before the event, a mishap involving a run-away semi plowed through their parking lot and hit a major power line to their building, cancelling



the event. Fortunately, for the group celebrating in the back of the arena, they DID NOT lose their power! Despite this misfortune, the McCombs took the time to greet every person who came to skate, thanking them, collecting items and to let them know of the Jan. 2nd reschedule date. They even delivered items collected!

**For Family-FUN Skating information,  
call 810-686-6110.**

Looking for program information, upcoming events, and ways to get involved? Check out our updated website!



[www.ccsgc.org](http://www.ccsgc.org)



## Genesee Catholic Schools Food Drive

The Genesee County Catholic Schools Food Drive was a huge success! Schools asked for one can from students supporting families in need. The response was way over and above what we anticipated. AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU STUDENTS! for your selfless giving and volunteer service! We could not do this important work without you! For volunteer opportunities contact Amy Start at 810-232-9950 ext. 143.

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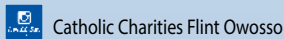
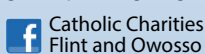
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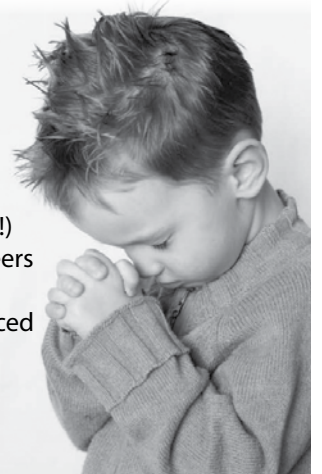
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## ..... Our 2017 Wish List .....

- Coats, blankets, gloves, boots – anything new or gently used to keep people warm/safe
- Infant formula and baby wipes
- Work boots and career attire – to help people get a job and back to work
- Adult-sized diapers – costly and necessary items at any stage in life!
- Respite for senior caregivers - for babysitters and time away, everyone needs a break!
- Gifts cards – for school uniforms and shoes, pajamas, and stuffed animals for kids needing care
- Professional development and training – specialized trainings for staff
- 3 new picnic tables for our Mary Garden
- Wellness items for staff – chair massagers.
- New furniture for our staff lunchroom (we currently stand!)
- Kitchen towels and aprons – for our Soup Kitchen volunteers
- Lawnmower
- Furniture & Appliances – for families in need, often displaced
- Personal hygiene products i.e. deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste etc.
- New desktop scanners
- Volunteers!!!



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