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Food Drives



Flint area Eastern Churches continue to help FEED Genesee at monthly food drives in each of their communities. The food collected is prepared at Catholic Charities' three soup kitchens, where more than 157,000 meals were served last year. Please show your support!

JUNE 2014

St. George Orthodox

June 8, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Our Lady of Lebanon

June 14, 4-6 p.m. & June 15,
9 a.m. -12 p.m.

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic

June 21, 2-6 p.m. & June 22, 9-11 a.m.

St. Nicholas Orthodox

June 22, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Assumption Greek Orthodox

June 29, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

We need your help! If you, your group, business, or organization would like to host a food drive or fundraiser, please give us a call: 810-232-9950 x226/325, or email givehope@ccsgc.org.

NESK Kids Summer Camp

The 18th Annual NESK Kid's Camp will kick off Monday, June 23. Campers, ages 5 to 10 years, go on field trips, practice reading and writing skills, participate in arts and crafts, science projects, health education and physical activities, as well as participate in conflict resolution and substance use prevention education. Throughout the summer, campers receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch, family food bags, as well as a backpack full of donated schools supplies at camp graduation, all for free. Kid's Camp is run by Catholic Charities staff with help from Summer Youth Initiative students. If you would like to support this program, call our North End Soup Kitchen at 810-785-6911, or email givehope@ccsgc.org.



Catholic Heart Work Camp Returns

In July, young people from all across the country will dedicate some of their summer to helping those in need, through Catholic Heart Work Camp.

Campers stay at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Davison, where they participate in daily Mass, a rosary, testimonials, and music, as well as experience the fellowship of other Catholic youth. During the day, they will work at various sites in our area, including Catholic Charities' Soup Kitchens and Community Closet, as well as at the homes of Kinship Caregivers program participants (individuals raising relative children). In 2013, campers served at 38 sites through Catholic Charities, clearing yards, painting, doing small home repairs, and spreading the joy of Christ.

For more information about the Catholic Heart Workcamp, visit www.heartworkcamp.com.

FACT:

*Last year,
16,600+ volunteers
provided more than 62,000
hours of service at Catholic
Charities! Thank You!*



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From the Desk of Our President

I am pleased to announce two new staffing changes here at Catholic Charities. Judith Horton has been hired as our Director of Counseling Services and Alexis Horton has been promoted to Clinical Supervisor in our Owosso office. Please join me in welcoming them to our family. I am confident that with our caring and talented staff, dedicated and energetic volunteers, and the generous support from people like you, Catholic Charities will continue to be blessed and able to **Provide Help and Hope** to our community for years to come. Thank you for your continued support!



Vicky L. Schultz
President/CEO

The Mr. Rogers Program Moves to the NEW Farmers' Market!

Beginning June 21, you will be able to purchase some of the best produce in town in the relocated Flint Farmers Market! You can find youth from the Mr. Rogers Summer Garden Program on Thursdays and Saturdays, in Wilson Park, across from the market at 300 E. First Street, Flint. We hope you will come down for some fresh, locally-grown veggies. The Mr. Rogers Program provides participants with the opportunity to learn job skills through classroom instruction, marketing and growing produce, as well as by selling the harvest at the Flint Farmers' Market. See you at the market!



Catholic Charities' Volunteers have All the Right Stuff

Balloons and flowers decorated the gymnasium, where more than 300 volunteers were honored at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, held on April 30, at Catholic Charities' Center for Hope in Flint. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Jon Manse, Community Services Director at Catholic Charities. Ten awards were presented by Jon and CEO Vicky Schultz. The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Genesee County residents, Sister Mary Norman & Kathy Kuczera who are longtime volunteers at both the Holy Angels Soup Kitchen and Community Closet. The Hands of Hope Award was presented to Connie Ellavich of Flushing & Lee Ann King of Swartz Creek, for their essential service to the Holy Angels Community Closet. The Business of the Year Award was given to Fenton Deli for their help in providing fresh produce to Catholic Charities' soup kitchens. The Golden Soup Bowl Award was given to the Berent Group for their dedication to the North End Soup Kitchen. The Wings of Hope Award was presented to members of GM Team Cares for their ongoing work in creating an environment of hope. The Faith in Action Award was accepted by Holy Redeemer Church in Burton, the Youth in Action Award was presented to St. George Teen Society of Orthodox Youth Organization of Flint Township, and the Tomorrow's Hope Award was given to the Luke M. Powers High School Rotary Interact Club. The Family in Action Award went to the Gatica Family of Genesee County and the Special Recognition Award was presented to Bristol United Methodist Church in Flint Township.

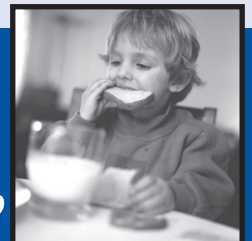


Members of Holy Redeemer Parish and the Retired Men's Fellowship of Greater Flint stand with Jon Manse and Vicky Schultz.

OWOSSO Community Closet and Food Pantry

You can help feed the hungry in Shiawassee County. Drop off non-perishable food at our Owosso office, 120 W. Exchange St., Suite 300, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also leave items at Shiawassee County **Hope in a Box** locations, including, the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce; House of Wheels; The Bake Shop; the Shiawassee County Mental Health Authority; the Shiawassee Family YMCA; Security Credit Union in Owosso; Chemical Bank branches in Corunna and Owosso; St. Isidore Catholic Church in Laingsburg; and St. Paul Catholic Church in Owosso. You can make a difference today!

Did You Know?



Our Owosso Community Closet and Food Pantry saw a 37% increase in the number of food bags distributed between 2010 and 2012.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering, call
Soup Kitchens: 810-785-6911

Community Closet: 810-265-7025 / Individuals or 810-232-9950 x143 / groups

Faces of Hope



The sixth grader from St. John the Evangelist School in Fenton was one of 200 students who volunteered at the Center for Hope during Catholic Schools Week 2014. Together, the students made more than 30 blankets for the Warming

Maria knew she would probably never meet the person who would receive the blanket she helped make during a recent student volunteer day at Catholic Charities, but she felt good knowing that her handiwork would help deliver a message of hope and love to someone in need.

"I feel very productive doing it - happy!" she said, as she worked on one of the blankets. "I feel like I can help others."

Center, decorated 300 cookies for Catholic Charities' soup kitchens, bottled hundreds of dish and laundry soap containers for the Community Closet, and folded more than 500 boxes for St. Patrick's Day lunches.

For Maria, the day's mission was simple: "To show the poor that we care about them and respect them instead of letting them feel like outsiders. We're here to help them, make them happy, and welcome them."

Bring Us Your Cans!

Do you have soup cans, fruit or vegetable cans, or pop cans sitting around the house?

Bring them to the North End Soup Kitchen, 735 E. Stewart Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to help us purchase spices and special treats for our meal program.



Springtime Grilled Turkey Burgers

Meals by Manse



Jon Manse 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!

As the weather (finally) warms up, now is the perfect time to get outside and grill. This recipe for Grilled Turkey Burgers comes from Jon Manse, our Community Services Director. Let us know what you think!



Ingredients:

- 1 lb. lean ground turkey
- ½ lb. ground Italian sausage or turkey sausage
- 1 avocado
- 4 green onions
- 2 cloves garlic
- Leaf lettuce and tomatoes (garnish)
- Zesty or spicy ranch dressing (condiment)
- 4 slices of Swiss cheese

Instructions:

In a bowl, combine finely chopped green onions and garlic with 1/2 lb ground Italian style sausage. Add salt and pepper to mixture and roll into 4 meatballs. Set aside. Divide the lean ground turkey into 4 sections and flatten into burgers, thin and big. Using a shot glass, cut out the middle of the burger. Add the meatball into the middle and flatten inside the hole of the burger.

Take a piece of foil and roll out 2 feet. Spray with non-stick cooking spray. Take the burgers and place on one-half of the foil. Salt and pepper to taste. Fold the foil over, press edges tight, covering all the burgers with foil. Place on a grill and cook about 5 minutes on both sides. Be careful when flipping the foil. Take off the grill and open the foil. Add the burger to a bun with the lettuce, tomatoes, ranch dressing, slices of cheese and thin slices of avocado.

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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



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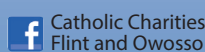
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Catholic Charities' Community Closet is in need of toothpaste, hand and dish soap, laundry detergent, women's deodorant, feminine care products, and toilet paper, as well as shampoo and shaving supplies. Travel sized items are welcome. Non-perishable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

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