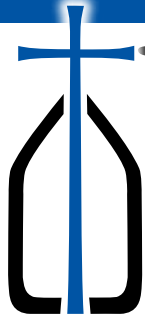


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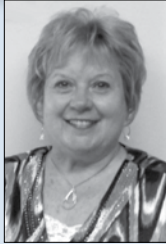
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*From the
 Desk of Our
 President*



The BEST & WORST of TIMES

In the Winter Hopeliner, I wrote about the ways our challenges strengthen us...little did I know what was just ahead for us. Big sigh. We made it through the early days of the water crisis the best we could. We spent the past few months outside in the bitter cold mostly, greeting people and meeting their needs. I can honestly say that these were the best and the worst of times. I couldn't ask for a better staff and Board to help me see this crisis through. Equally important to our being able to meet our challenges, was the number of volunteers that came to our aid. Thank you all. We are not out of the woods yet, but we are most definitely stronger and moving forward together. I also want to publicly thank our facilities team, who are named in the article "Our Water Team" for all they did beyond their "regular" jobs to help people meet their water needs and more. I am grateful to lead such a remarkable and dedicated team here at Catholic Charities!

God Bless you!

Vicky L. Schultz, President/CEO

18 DAYS

A heartbeat can be heard in just 18 days after conception. A call for pregnancy assistance takes 1 minute.
CALL/TEXT Katie at 810-701-5949 for support.

APPLAUDING OUR VOLUNTEERS

Celebrating our dedicated volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation & Awards banquet is one of our prized events. We gather, enjoy a meal and music in the company of friends, award raffle prizes and enjoy John Manse's humor throughout the program with hundreds of volunteers in attendance. There is no better way to spend an afternoon than with this group of very special people, all of whom do so much so that others needs can be met. Please join us in recognizing

the following individuals for their contributions to our Soup Kitchens and Center for Hope Community Closet & Warming Center. **THANK YOU beloved Volunteers for your SERVICE!**

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR!

Patty & Scott Barr



Many wonderful people serve at our Soup Kitchens on a regular basis. Patty and Scott, 2016 Volunteers of the Year, are on speed dial—any shift, on weekends, even for a 5 a.m. TV interview. Patty serves as Master Chef and Scott has clean-up duty, helping out wherever he is needed. The Barr's host regular fundraisers in the area to support our work and mission, and most recently hosted a dinner fundraiser that included a band playing KISS tunes at a local restaurant—*pretty cool!*

Assumption Greek Orthodox - Golden Soup Bowl Award



Once a month, Assumption Greek Orthodox parishioners bring their own food supplies and cook restaurant quality meals for our Center for Hope Soup Kitchen clients. They serve as a Hope in the Box collection site, gathering personal care items and clothing on a regular basis for distribution to the poor. They even get their families involved and conduct monthly food drives, in addition to assembling care packages for the needy. Recently, church members donated equipment to be installed at our Center for Hope Soup Kitchen, once renovations there are completed. "Opa!"



Mary Musolf - Hands of Hope Award

Mary spends countless hours bringing attention to the needs of the poor—and gathering donations for Catholic Charities' Center for Hope. She travels from her home in Milford to Flint on a regular basis to deliver the things that she's collected. We appreciate Mary for her ongoing care and helping hands.

NEW Stewardship of Hope Scholarship & Award Winners



In 2015, a new scholarship opportunity (The Stewardship of Hope) was created to help encourage and reward Catholic Charities student volunteers. To be eligible for the scholarship, interested applicants were required to volunteer their time in our community closet and soup kitchens, plus do a special project to benefit the clients of Catholic Charities. For the 2015-2016 scholarship, the winners were chosen based on the number of likes their project received in our Facebook contest. The 1st place award winner received \$1000, and the 2nd place winner received \$500.

First Place Winner Nicholas Gadola-Holmes volunteered his time in the Community Closet, our

Soup Kitchens, and also conducted a fundraiser at his parish in Goodrich. Selling poinsettias at Christmas time, he donated more than \$600 to Catholic Charities.

Second Place Winner Christine Kudwa volunteered multiple times during her summer vacation and held a gymnastic event for her service project to benefit Catholic Charities, raising over \$300 and encouraging many young people to cartwheel and flip—all for Catholic Charities!

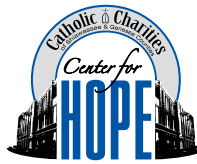
Stewardship of Hope Scholarship opportunities are available for the 2016-2017 school year, visit our website at ccsgc.org or contact Amy Start at 810-232-9950 ext 143 or astart@ccsgc.org.



Center for Hope

A welcoming place and refuge

This is an exciting time for Catholic Charities as renovations to the former St. Michael School officially mark the transition phase of our project. Not only are we closing in on our \$1.5 million dollar campaign gap, but, thanks to some very hardworking volunteers from the Livingston County Vicariate, and students from Central Michigan University, we have successfully made the transition into our gymnasium. Our Community Closet and Center for Hope offices will reside in the gym until the time comes to return to the main floor of the building. Once renovations are complete, the Sister Claudia Burke Center for Hope will serve as a refuge and welcoming place for our Flint neighbors in need. We hope you will consider a gift, as this building will not only provide help to those who are homeless and in need, but it will serve as a beacon of hope for the future recovery of Flint during our current water crisis and well beyond.



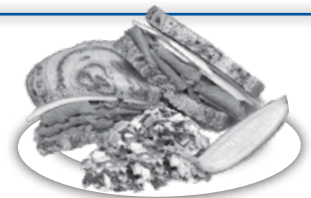
Celebrating 75 Years of Service in Flint



In 1941, Flint families struggled as women traditionally raising their families and caring for their homes headed to work. Siblings, relatives, and concerned neighbors filled parental roles as husbands and fathers were going to war. Response and help from area clergy, priests, and nuns formed the beginnings of an organization, Catholic Charities. Now, 75 years of dedicated service to hundreds of thousands during crisis and challenges followed, Catholic Charities is an essential part of Flint. In one of the hardest hit economies in the nation, every person matters, just as they did back in 1941. Help us CELEBRATE this milestone by GIVING so that others may receive.

Hibernians St. Pat's Dinner Celebration

This group really knows how to throw a party and raise funds for a good cause! The table decorations and balloons, green vests, hats, sweaters, bagpipes, you name it—Irish, and it was there. Festive music, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle made the day with friends such a delight, but the food, whoa, if you missed it, you really missed out! The coleslaw was green, corned beef, cabbage with carrots & potatoes, Irish stew, Mac-n-cheese—all comforting and scrumptious. The cake was fluffy and sweet... Thank you Ancient Order of Hibernians Sullivan and O'Sullivan Division! We are looking forward to next year!



3,000 St. Pat's Day Lunches Distributed!

THANKS for volunteering your time to make and deliver box lunches.

THANKS for buying a lunch.

THANKS for helping us set up and take down tents and tables.

Most of all... THANKS for HELPING SOMEONE IN NEED!



Faith in Flint... One Year Later

A year ago, Bishop Boyea challenged the people of the Diocese of Lansing to have Faith in Flint, and they answered his challenge ten-fold. We continue to form friendships, partnerships and programs with all those who answered the Bishop's call. We have seen countless gifts and donations, volunteer service and prayers. With the help of families and parishes, service groups and schools, we have moved closer to meeting our capital campaign goal, have received water and clothes, diapers and toys that bring those we serve one step closer to independence. We can't begin to thank everyone, but know that you are in our prayers as we pass out Faith in Flint backpacks to parolees returning to our community, distribute powdered formula to mothers who can't use the water in their homes, make Hope Soap for families who can't afford laundry soap, share with the homeless and veterans and families we serve all the gifts you have given us. Our hearts are full. We truly feel a kinship with our Diocese of Lansing family. Thank you.



Catholic Community of Flint TENT REVIVAL

Watch your church bulletin for more information about this special event scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2016 at Powers Catholic High School. Serving as a celebration of the Faith in Flint initiative started by the Diocese of Lansing a year ago, this family-fun event, organized by the pastoral team of the Catholic Community of Flint will include a guest speaker, music, and fun activities for the children. Bishop Boyea has accepted an invitation to join in support. Catholic Charities will be there too. Hope to see you!



Let's BAND TOGETHER! SHOW YOUR FAITH IN FLINT!

Purchase red wristbands for \$5 each—a great way for schools, church groups and businesses to fundraise and show unity, while caring for others! Email or call Amy Start at astart@ccscg.org or 810-232-9950 ext. 143 for more info.



Helen Bade ~ In Memory

Helen Bade lived a beautiful life of service to her family, her church and her community. She passed away on Sunday, April 10, after having been born in Flint 100 years ago. Helen married and raised her family here, while giving countless hours to the hungry at our North End Soup Kitchen and St. John Vianney Parish. She was honored by CEO, Vicky Schultz and (NESK) Community Services Director, John Manse in 2010 as our "Volunteer of the Year." Our most recent Third Thursday Mass in the Chapel at St. Michael Church was offered in remembrance of Helen. We are remembering Helen and her family in our prayers.

Healthy Vegetable Noodle Soup

Catholic Charities serves everyone - believers and non-believers alike.

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!



Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 rib celery, sliced (about 1 cup)
- 1 medium carrot, sliced (about 3/4 cup)
- 1 clove garlic, smashed
- 1/4 medium onion, about 1/2 cup
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/3 cup orzo or other small pasta or egg noodles or broken up spaghetti
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth (1 quart box, or 2 cans)
- Small handful fresh parsley leaves, basil or dill, chopped (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/2 lemon, juiced (about 1 tablespoon)
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Serving suggestion: Whole-wheat crackers and cheese sticks

Directions:

- Heat the olive oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat; add all the vegetables, garlic and onion. Season with the salt, and cook until tender, about 6 minutes. Add the pasta and cook until slightly toasted and golden, about 2 minutes. Add broth, and bring to a boil over high heat. Cook, covered, until pasta is just tender, about 8 minutes.
- Stir in whatever herb suits you (or your young eater) and lemon juice. Season with pepper and additional salt, to taste. Fill thermos, pack in a lunch sack with crackers and cheese sticks and send off to school.
- TIP: This soup freezes well, so freeze any leftovers or make a double batch to have plenty on hand. Also, you can stir in some cooked chicken or mini-meatballs, if desired, for another meal.

Prep: 10 min. Cook: 20 min. YIELD: 4 servings/cups

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.

Notre Dame Supports Catholic Charities & Flint

The University of Notre Dame launched its Athletics Flint Water Crisis Initiative on April 15th, to create a buzz via social media throughout campus and the Notre Dame external family. They set up a Text2Give option and made Catholic Charities' GoFundMe page known to their athletic departments. Along with their social media, they put posters up around campus, are passing out flyers and making announcements during sporting events. Their goal is to raise as much awareness and donations as they possibly can, to help us, to help them—our Flint neighbors in need.



We are thrilled to partner with Notre Dame, a private, Catholic research university that coincides with our agency's mission of service to community. Through the first week of August, Notre Dame will be accepting donations through Catholic Charities' GoFundMe page, whose proceeds are specifically directed to the Flint Water Crisis Recovery Efforts.

Donations can also be made via:

Catholic Charities GoFundMe page:

<http://bit.ly/FLINTND>

Text2Give: Make a \$10 donation by simply texting, "NDFLINT" to 80077

You can participate in three ways:

1. Encourage others to use their social media accounts to share the information among friends, families, and followers.
2. Share this information on your own social media accounts.
3. Donate to this great cause!

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of so many families in need.

We are the Fighting Irish, Fighting for Flint! Go Irish!



NESK Summer Camp for Kids, Jobs for Teens

For the past 25 years+, Catholic Charities has been educating and empowering kids and their families through the North End Soup Kitchen summer fun and learning programs. Low-income and poverty-level children ages 5 to 12 years, who reside in the City of Flint, are welcome, free of charge to this haven of support among peers and mentors. It includes a nutritious breakfast and lunch, in addition to the entertaining and educational summer activities. Latchkey services are offered at no cost to families who have children registered for camp. Camp also provides meaningful, rewarding summer employment/career development, community service learning and opportunities, and personal/professional development for students ages 14 to 19 years, paid through the Summer Youth Initiative (SYI) Teen Program of the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. Ten (10) SYI Teens who complete two interviews, and attend orientation day with a parent or guardian, will be hired for this year's camp.

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 out perfectly... and in the company of friends!

15,000

TOOTHBRUSHES!



Fifteen thousand toothbrushes were so generously donated to Catholic Charities thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Michigan Dental Association to support area youth and their families keep their smiles healthy and bright. To offer your support of personal hygiene, clothing, and household items, contact Amy Start, Development Specialist/Outreach Coordinator at 810-232-9950 ext. 143.

Our Water Team & GoFundMe helps Catholic Charities!

The crisis in Flint hit our community hard. The same is true for Catholic Charities' agency and staff. We were thrust into crisis mode of support as people in need of clean water and other items flocked to us. We stepped up to the challenge as a team, but not without large hurdles and struggles, that remain today with uncertainty about what the future holds for Flint. Our teams, mostly the Facilities team, served as haulers and distributors of water, food and personal needs—in abundance, as the community, locally and beyond came to aid the cause. They continue to unload and load semi trucks, trailers, vans, SUV's and cars. They lift/forklift, haul, and even drag water and supplies to make sure that everyone is helped. This support from "guys" who already had jobs to do at Catholic Charities is ongoing daily and continues to run over many months. They spent long hours, days and weeks in the bitter cold. They worked nights and weekends and rarely complained. Thank you **Greg Coulter, Steve Coulter, Bennie Bell, Lawrence Hall, Wayne James, Bradd Theil and Fred Garden** for stepping up and serving! Thank you to our supporters too, from the local area and beyond, working alongside our guys.

Please give to Catholic Charities GoFundMe page so that we can offer relief to Flint and our teams. Both need us NOW... To GIVE: www.gofundme.com/FeedFlintHealthy

RUN FOR FLINT Virtual Race



A virtual race was requested by Beth Kline-Markesino to help the Flint community. Her compassion for the individuals and families affected by the water crisis fueled her desire to do something she loved, and that others loved, to run, from their own places and in their own time. To join Beth in her quest to care for others, and to help our neighbors in need in Flint, visit the We Run for Flint website at <http://www.racesforawareness.com/shop/virtual-races/flint/>

There are no race deadlines, run anywhere, anytime, it's your race! The race includes a high quality finisher's medal, race bib, coupons, snacks, and shipping. 90% of proceeds raised will benefit Catholic Charities Flint.

JOIN US ON THE GOLF COURSE & SUPPORT OUR SOUP KITCHENS
Saturday, August 27th - 8:30 a.m.
IMA BROOKWOOD GOLF COURSE

For more information, contact Frank McCarthy at 810-343-5435



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



Mr. Gaines Gardening PLUS Program NEEDS Your Support!

WE CHANGED THE NAME of our Mr. Rogers Program in honor of Greg Gaines, who for the past 25 years has led Catholic Charities summer youth employment program—to teach kids vital life skills and how to plant, cultivate, and harvest vegetable gardens on the campus of Ebenezer Ministries and other select sites across Genesee County. The benefits of the program have been lasting. Many of the teens who participate in the program return as leader guides for younger participants, go to college and get jobs. Many return to help in the program because they experience lasting friendships and the satisfaction of growing fresh produce with their own hands. We are grateful to the Summer Youth Initiative offered by the Genesee Area Chamber of Commerce, and to the Ruth Mott Foundation for their funding support to run our summer youth employment programs. A match of \$40,000 raised by Catholic Charities before June 2016, will allow the agency to receive an additional \$40,000 from Ruth Mott to continue the program for duration of the summer. To give to Mr. Gaines Gardening PLUS Program, to help teens and their families, mark the enclosed envelope or put on your check memo "Gaines Match".



Have you been affected by the Flint Water Crisis?

Let's
Talk
about
it!



- Resource Development
- Crisis Management
- Problem Solving
- Basic Needs
- Support
- Prayer
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Mental Health Resources
- Relaxation

Catholic Charities will be offering an opportunity to learn more about the water crisis, providing necessary resources, including emotional, behavioral, and spiritual support.

**Tuesdays
1 - 3 p.m.**

Catholic Charities' Center for Hope
Community Closet
517 E. Fifth Ave.

For more information, call

810-232-9950 ext. 126



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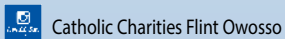
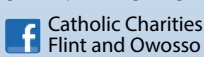
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Two Special Volunteers in Owosso helping out our Owosso Food Pantry & Community Closet

Chris (pictured above) and Marilyn are two wonderful volunteers that donate their time each week in our Owosso Food Pantry and Community Closet. They come in on non-pantry days, when the pantry is closed, to clean, organize and sort donations of food, personal care, linen and clothing items. They go beyond what is needed to make the space healthy and welcoming, and focus on making sure that people in Shiawassee County don't go hungry and receive a variety of community resources. Says Community Closet Manager, Cathy Sprague-Emans—of Chris and Marilyn, "These two ladies are a blessing to us! We could not do this without their help." To donate items to the Owosso Food Pantry and Community Closet, please contact Cathy at 989-723-8239 ext. 117 or cemans@ccsgc.org. At the moment, shampoo, deodorant, and razors are the greatest need items in the pantry.



75 Years of Lifting Spirits - Thanks to YOU!

The generosity of our donors the past 75 years has lifted spirits and offered a helping hand to millions in our community. Through you and others, someone in need worried less, was relieved of deep-rooted pain, and was given hope to move forward. Thank you for doing your part in caring and sharing to lift the spirit of someone who needed it. We hope you will join us for our 75th Anniversary Celebration coming up in September! For more information, contact Kyona McGhee, Special Events Coordinator at 810-875-5120.