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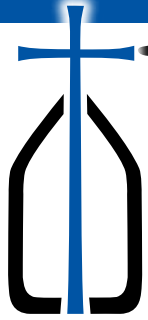
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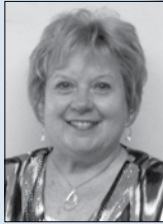
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From the Desk of Our President



Our Vision for the Future

Catholic Charities has helped many people in need over 75 years. Through the generosity of others, and countless helping hands, we have fed the hungry, clothed the naked, listened, counseled and helped to mend broken hearts and spirits. Our mission of service to all people in need has lifted the downtrodden and given hope to the hopeless. It has strengthened, even empowered men, women, children and families - and has made our community stronger.

We cannot be certain of many things in life, but that which we can be sure is our ongoing commitment to helping others achieve all the happiness and success possible, for them. We meet people where they are - no matter who they are. **Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Catholic Charities** and to those who come to our doors and knock, seeking compassion, refuge and healing from the many and often untimely storms of life.

Merry Christmas & our sincere wishes for a wonderful New Year!

-Vicky L. Schultz, Chief Executive Officer

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DENIM & Diamonds

We definitely celebrated and sparkled!

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration "Denim and Diamonds" at Holy Redeemer Family Life Center on September 29th was an inspiring evening, and one to remember!

175 guests came dressed in their "denim and diamonds", to enjoy dinner by Italia Gardens and beautiful piano music played by Father Gordon Reigle. **Through the help and generosity of our 75th event planning committee members, staff and volunteers**, the hall was aglow with soft lights, candles and historical photos—red and white wine, and dessert was placed at every table.

The program included a historical video that brought laughter and nostalgia to the room. **Heartfelt testimonials inspired guests from four amazing individuals; Todd, Lisa, Flo and Charles, all touched by Catholic Charities.** THEY were a testament to the mission and work of Catholic Charities, to help and improve lives, unconditionally. A warm address was given by Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Fifth Bishop of Lansing, and the privilege to share gratitude for 75 years, and Catholic Charities vision of faith, compassion, and service to the community for the future was given by CEO, Vicky Schultz.

If you attended this historic event, we hope you enjoyed your time with us as much as we did with you! For those who have been asking for copies of the historic

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Hot Down for NESK Fundraiser at The Jewel of Grand Blanc!

A favorite Fall fundraiser for the North End Soup Kitchen included an awesome array of raffle items; entrance, a silent auction and 50/50 raffles - a guy there with really long arms helped people buy more tickets! There was line dancing and an array of today's hits played by DJ Dan Richards from WKQC. The food and prices were amazing, with apple popovers in the oven throughout the night for \$1! YUM! We ate, drank (water, soda or?) and shook our groove-things to the hits and sang our hearts out - all for NESK! Thank you Jewel of Grand Blanc friends and patrons...you really know how to throw, and enjoy, a great party! Hope to see you all next year in October! Contact John at 810.785.6911.



World Class Bar-B-Q Gives Back!

Four days of amazing BBQ was enjoyed by the community September 8th thru the 11th - all thanks to Dave Burton and his family! Proceeds raised through the generosity of the Burton's, and the larger community of supporters came back to help Catholic Charities' North End, Center for Hope and South Flint Soup Kitchens— to feed people in need.

Our many thanks to this amazing family, and to all who came out for a delicious bite of slow hickory roasted, fall off the bone tender BBQ! We are already looking forward to next year...umm, umm, umm...**Thank you again, Dave!** For your BBQ banquet and party needs call Dave at 810.394.0314.

For information on starting your own fundraiser in support of Catholic Charities three Soup Kitchens, contact us at 810.232.9950 ext. 228 or 222.



More than 100,000 individual services provided annually in the Center for Hope.

...Denim & Diamonds continued from page 1 (and FUN!) 75th video, for a suggested donation of \$10, you can help us serve someone in need through our Center for



Hope. **To purchase a video copy, include a note on your newsletter remittance envelope, or enter "video" on your**

check memo. The lip syncing by four area priests, Monsignor Richard Groshek, Pat Tomasik, Russell Kirksey and our staff is definitely worth the cost! Vicky's part as Madonna lip syncing the eighties hit "Material Girl" was a hoot. She told guests that she couldn't believe that we talked her into dressing up and singing this song in front of the Bishop! *It was all in good fun and truly a magical night!*



*You Could Be
an Angel for a Child
in Need This Christmas*

Without the generosity of people like you, children would not receive gifts under the tree Christmas morning. Angel Tags will be available at the North End Soup Kitchen, 735 East Stewart Ave., Flint - starting in November. Please help fulfill a Christmas wish for a child, adult or family by calling 810.785.6911.

Where will you be on Christmas Day?



Our North End and Center for Hope Soup Kitchens will be hosting Christmas dinner, with support from many helpers. Please offer a gift of food, or make a donation so that everyone in need has a Merry Christmas! Prayers are always welcome! **For ways you can provide comfort and joy, contact John at the North End Soup Kitchen, 810-785-6911.**



FIGHTFORFLINT™

HELPING FLINT RESIDENTS THROUGH WATER RECOVERY EFFORTS



Catholic Charities' first of its kind pro-boxing event in partnership with the Flint & Genesee Visitors and Convention Bureau was truly exciting! With 8 fighters, including World Boxing Council SuperBantamweight World Championship for 10 rounds, Alicia "Slick" Ashley, World Champion and "The African Queen" Fatuma Zarika, Former World Champion proved an upset with Fatuma winning back the title with much pride for her homeland, Africa. 22 rounds were fought at the Dort Federal Event Center on October 1st. It was action packed with many bouts, cameras, lights and loud music to show the local community and beyond how much our City and its neighbors mean to us. **We have many people to thank for this spectacular**



event that we plan to bring back to Flint in the near future! Thank you all for helping us help our neighbors in need!



Tommy Hearn & Vicky Schultz.



Catholic Charities Supporting Local Partners and Events

National Night Out:

Sept. 13, Flint Township Police Station

Great Start Resource Fair:

Sept. 30, Insight of Neuroscience & Neuroscience (IINN)

Boys & Girls Club

2nd Annual Be Fit Festival:

Aug. 5, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint

Apple and Onion Stuffin' Muffins

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:

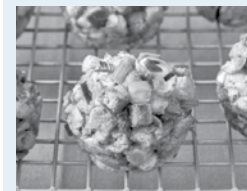
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 fresh bay leaf
- 4 ribs celery and greens, from the heart, chopped
- 1 medium to large yellow skinned onion, chopped
- 3 McIntosh apples, quartered and chopped

- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons poultry seasoning
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 8 cups cubed stuffing mix
- 2 to 3 cups chicken stock

(Recipe courtesy of Rachael Ray & John Manse)

Directions: Prep: 15 min. Cook: 25 min. YIELD: 4 servings Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Preheat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add extra-virgin olive oil to skillet and 4 tablespoons butter. When butter melts, add bay leaf and add the vegetables as you chop them, celery, onions then apples. Sprinkle the vegetables and apples with salt, pepper and poultry seasoning. Cook 5 to 6 minutes to begin to soften vegetables and apples then add parsley and stuffing cubes to the pan and combine. Moisten the stuffing with chicken broth until all of the bread is soft but not wet.



Butter 12 muffin cups, 2 tins, liberally with remaining butter. Use an ice cream scoop to fill and mound up the stuffing in muffin tins. Remove the bay leaf as you scoop the stuffing when you come upon it. Bake until set and crisp on top, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove stuffin' muffins and serve hot or room temperature.

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.

What are you waiting for?



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Through Crisis Towards Recovery

During the Flint Water Crisis, Catholic Charities stepped up to help our neighbors in need through donations of bottled and gallon jug water, food, infant formula, nutritious foods and more at our Center for Hope Community Closet and North End Soup Kitchens. Families and individuals were able to access and take what they needed, without limit or requirement for these basic necessities.

are focused on health and strength for all!

Community members can do their part to provide relief by donating cases or gallons of water, cash or checks.

Water can be dropped off at:

Catholic Charities Center for Hope
517 E. Fifth Ave. • Flint, MI 48503
Monday - Friday • 9am - 4pm

Call ahead to 810-232-9950 ext. 228 to make arrangements for delivery times.



Over the winter, we were grateful to be surrounded by supporters who gave water and supplies, volunteered (lots) of their time, drove long distances to pick up and make water and supply deliveries, unload and load basic needs. Our staff worked round the clock, knowing how important it is to serve. As we move towards recovery, we

For the latest information on all water crisis related items and community collaborations, please visit www.flintcares.org, a site developed by community members to address the community's needs.



POINT OF DISTRIBUTION SITES

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.

Now through October 22 the POD hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday: Noon – 6 p.m.

Tuesday and Friday: Noon – 8 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 – Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center, 3501 Lapeer Road
- Ward 8 – Lincoln Park United Methodist Church, 3410 Fenton Road
- Ward 9 – Eastown Bowl Bowling Alley, 3001 S. Dort Highway

BEGINNING OCTOBER 24th the hours for all PODS listed above will be:

Monday – Saturday Noon – 6:00 p.m.

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.

WELCOME & THANK YOU

Foster Families!

The process of becoming a foster family starts with a willing heart. We want to welcome new families, and thank our existing families, for having huge hearts and doing so much to help a child or children in crisis! Welcome and thank you, with all our hearts!

Items of comfort for children are provided to licensed foster homes through Catholic Charities Foster Care program, as they are made available. **Please consider donating to help purchase new pajamas, lap blankets, pants, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, underwear and socks, coats, gloves, boots, even stuffed animals and toys this Christmas.** Items are needed year-round. For more information, call 810.232.3418.

26 years of SUCCESS!

Mr. Gaines Gardening PLUS Program

PEOPLE LEARNING USEFUL STUFF



Celebrating 26 years this year, young people from across the country have received training and mentoring over the years, creating opportunities where once there were none—through the Mr. Gaines Gardening Program. **Many grants and funders have supported Mr. Gaines and Catholic Charities over the years in helping build skills and successful futures**, some of which include: Genesee Health Systems (Community Mental Health), Ruth Mott Foundation, Chamber of Commerce Summer Youth Initiative, DNR, Keeping Genesee County Beautiful, ELGA Credit Union, and the Community Foundation.



The program has strong community-wide support in access to gardening supplies and donations to help with the youth and adult salaries to run the program. **Our future depends on our donors to provide the means to strengthen our youth and families.** Thank you for helping to make this year a success and even brighter, with a new garden cultivated, planted and harvested at the North End Soup Kitchen. It was a tough summer weather-wise, as you gardeners can attest, but our youth and adult teams prevailed and harvested a wonderful garden, with produce sold at the local Farmers' Markets. We hope you enjoy our 2016 program photos! See you next year, starting with our spring hoop-house! **For more information about how you can help support our area youth and families, please contact Greg Gaines at 810.232.9950 ext. 375.**



There is still time through the end of the year to help Catholic Charities receive additional match dollars for the program through the Ruth Mott Foundation. Note on your check or remittance envelope, gardening program. Thank you!

NESK Summer Youth Employment and Camp - Fun & Learning go hand in hand!

Wow, what a summer! It was hot, but NESK had a great turnout of youth workers and campers at Holy Redeemer, our official campsite for 2016! Camp themes of



space and even horticulture went so well together. Director of Community Services, John Manse, camp teachers, and their leadership teams really gave the program their all! **We are grateful to the**

Genesee Chamber's Summer Youth Initiative for their support in helping us to employ the youth who helped bring smiles to many young lives and their



This year's graduates received back-to-school supplies and backpacks to start the school year. Contributions are always welcome to help our youth enjoy activities with their peers, gain job skills and so much more. **Call 810.785.6911 to see how you can help Camp 2017!** 25 years and counting and we can say that John and his teams never, ever disappoint! (And the kids don't either!)

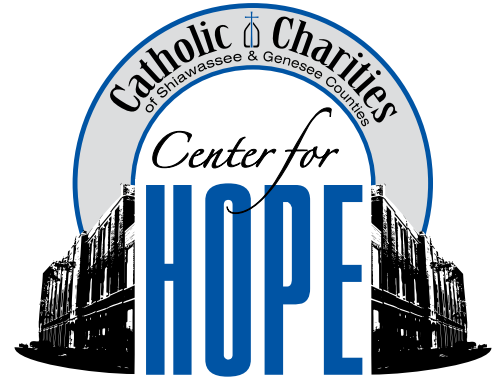


Kinship Caregivers - *Parenting at its best!*

Many people are parents. Sometimes parenting comes around more than once in a lifetime for families that need help caring for a child. *Our Kinship Caregivers are exceptional people; loving, patient and dedicated.* They say yes to help because they care, even when finance or health is a personal struggle. Our Kinship Caregivers program is strong. We have impressive individuals supporting the youth of our community. Sometimes these youth are not related! We offer caregivers and families resources in all the ways that we can. **Please assist however you can in providing Christmas items this year so that their children get cool items too!** Contact Heady at hgist@ccscg.org.

Center For Hope BLESSED VOLUNTEERS!

Wow! Our Center for Hope welcomed 869 volunteers between January and September 2016. **Thank you for caring and providing 5,778 hours of your time to help someone receive warm clothing, clean socks, nutritious food, personal hygiene, household, linen items and more!** Our mission to feed the poor and clothe the naked is possible through you! To volunteer or donate basic necessities or other items, call 810-232-9950 ext.228.



HOPE

IN A BOX
Catholic Charities
of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties

Needs for November December January

Shiawassee County -
November: Dish Soap
December: Socks, Towels, Toiletries & New Toys
January: Toilet Paper

Genesee County -
Our wish list: Coats, blankets, gloves, boots and any other clothing items to keep people warm this winter.



WISH LIST

Blankets, coats, jeans, sweatshirts, toilet paper, shampoo, dish soap, razors, shaving cream, and deodorant

**Equipment needs for Soup Kitchens -
Center For Hope & NESK**

Double Convection Oven
(For NESK)

Crowd Control Pole, Rope, and Base Kit
(CFHSK - need 8)

Stainless Steel Work Table for cold food
(CFHSK desserts, fruit, etc.)

Heavy Duty Muscle Racks
(for CFHSK Storage)

Catholic Charities Star Award

Kay Kellogg!

Recognized by her co-workers for her hard work, team attitude and professionalism.

Kay ROCKS!

Heartfelt Messages from Our Neighbors

You people saved my life.
Bless you for 75 more years. ~Willie

May God bless you and your work
to help us all. ~Shaw

Good job Catholic Charities! We love you.

Good job Catholic Charities.
Job well done. 75 big ones! ~Belinda

Congratulations of 75 years
of helping the Flint community.

So many people need your help,
so here's to another 75 years!

Continue the great work! ~Joie

Congratulations on 75 GREAT years.
Keep up the good work!

Congratulations on 75 years
of the gift of giving!

Congratulations on your 75 years
of serving Flint families! ~Keesha

Well done! 75 big years. You are awesome!

75 years of loyal, good service.
Congratulations! ~Richard

You are the best. 75 years of greatness!
Thank you.

I can't think of what it would
be like without you.

I'm happy your are here.
Good luck on 75 more years. ~Deneese

I am here every month
and it is good you are too.

I pray you have 75 more years
of saving people's lives. ~Katrina

GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE!

Thanksgiving Turkey's and all the trimmings!

The North End Soup Kitchen will be serving its hearty and welcoming Thanksgiving Day dinner with all the trimmings again this year—thanks to so many who care so much! With helping hands from our beloved community volunteers, we plan to have a bustling crowd of givers and receivers! Donations for dinner can be directed to Catholic Charities, 901 Chippewa St., Flint 48503 or call 810.232.9950 ext. 228 or 222.



Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016 • 5pm - 7pm
Flint Firebirds Pre-Party @ Dort Federal Event Center: 3501 Lapeer Rd, Flint

Help us fill a truck the day before Thanksgiving with **non-perishable food items, toiletries, and winter wear** to give Catholic Charities a warmer holiday season.

FREE

TICKET

Donate 3+ items or 1 coat/blanket to receive a free ticket to the 11/23 Flint Firebirds 7pm game!

*1 ticket per person. All persons must be present to collect tickets. While supplies last.



This event kicks off our
Annual 25 Days of Giving!

godward.com/stuff-the-truck

Thank you for your support!

Counseling helps people go from broken wings to flying

On any given day, hearts break. The struggles of life are real. People who are in crisis or struggling need a helping hand. Catholic Charities is there to help. During the week, dozens seek us to provide respite and comfort, without judgment. If you are looking for ways to help someone this Christmas to mend a broken heart, even give them wings, please think about donating to our Counseling Program. *It empowers people and even saves lives!* Call 810.232.9950.





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Fifth Bishop of Lansing

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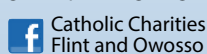
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The Center for Hope - Our Future

For the past few years, **Catholic Charities has diligently worked toward making the Center for Hope a place where all are welcome, basic needs are met, and lives are changed for the better.** We began with our sights set firmly on providing a bare bones, but functional, refurbishing of our space, with room enough for partners that shared our vision. Since then, we have struggled, hoping always for the best, believing in our purpose and in our mission to serve. Even as Flint began to move away from its economic turmoil, the community, and our role in it, has changed, taking an unexpected turn when we were asked to become major players in serving

the community during the still ongoing Flint water recovery.

Today, following the path the Lord has set for us, we are excited that our Center for Hope Project is making progress and will provide the right space (approximately 30,000 sq. ft.) needed to move forward into Flint's future and bring greater focus on expanding program elements.

We invite you to visit us in the coming months to **volunteer, donate and pray** with us as we raise the final funds and work together to make the Center for Hope all that we know it can be.

*For additional information,
call 810-232-9950 x228.*



Children **NEED** Loving Homes

The difference between home and hope is one letter. Make a positive difference in the life of a child! Explore the possibilities...about what YOU can do for a child in foster care in our community. **Call 810-232-3418 for more information today!**