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Angels WALKING AMONG US

GIVING OF TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES THROUGH CATHOLIC CHARITIES



When we think of angels, we think of beautiful celestial beings with wings. However, if you look close, there are angels walking among us. These wonderful people seem to be sent from above and are just what we need at the moment we need them. They can be hard to spot, because they don't seek recognition or praise; sometimes, they even perform their miracles in secret so that no one will even know their identities. They simply do what they do because they have learned one very valuable lesson about life... it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

Angels shed their light in many different ways; some donate their time and talent, others their treasure, but all of them do it because they know that it is practically impossible to create a happy, meaningful and rewarding life without being of service to others. According to Stephen G. Post, professor of preventative medicine at Stony Brook University in New York and author of "The Hidden Gifts of Helping," part of our brain lights up when we help others. That part then doles out feel-good chemicals like dopamine and serotonin. That warm, fuzzy

feeling we get when we do something nice for someone is literally a biological reaction that occurs when we give ourselves deeper purpose and meaning, and nearly always leads to greater happiness. In fact, that feeling is so strong, it has even been coined the "helper's high."

TIME

At Catholic Charities, they don't have to squint very hard to see angels in their midst... in fact, they seem to be everywhere! Lee Ann King, a retired school teacher from Flint's Burton Elementary, has been volunteering with Catholic Charities of Flint for five years.

Though she is a petite, quiet woman, she makes a huge impact on the lives of those she touches at Catholic Charities. What she loves about volunteering is that she is encouraged to find her niche.

"They provide so many services that there is a place for everyone. I volunteer one day a

week in the book room, which is the perfect fit for me," King said.

King has settled into her role as the **Center for Hope** librarian, but she does not have her head buried in a book! At any given moment, her personal Facebook page is filled with posts about ways to give to Catholic Charities, or collections she involved herself with for the Community Closet or the Personal Needs room, along with family and friends for the **Center for Hope**.

"I can't say enough good things about Lee Ann," said Mary Stevenson, **Center for Hope** Director at Catholic Charities. "She does a great job in our book room, and she also is always bringing in treats for the guys in our Re-Connections Program (a program for parolees to reintegrate into society), or if she hears that another volunteer is having a baby, she will bring in baby clothes. She even once heard that one of our clients who had cerebral palsy was asked to prom and needed a suit, and tried to find him something in our Work Ready Room but we didn't have the right size. The next day, Lee Ann arrived with a beautiful new suit, including shoes! If she is not an angel, I don't know who is!"



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LETTER FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRESIDENT AND CEO

Help us Celebrate National Volunteer Month by Attending the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

You matter to us! You make a difference. Your great generosity has had a profound and lasting impact on the clients we serve each and every day.

While I know that you choose to volunteer selflessly and without expectation of being recognized or rewarded, I want to let you know just how much your dedication is appreciated and make sure that you realize that we at Catholic Charities is grateful to each of you.

Whether you are a long-time volunteer or have only recently gotten involved, it's important for you to know that what you do makes a difference.

When you volunteer, you are making a commitment to share that most precious of resources – your time – to make life better for those less fortunate. The fruits of your labors make a tangible impact, of course, but what we often hear from clients is that just knowing that strangers, who have no obligation to help, really do care, gives them hope for a better tomorrow.

Whether you are folding and sorting clothes in our Community Closet, preparing and serving meals in one of our three Soup Kitchens or

standing in the drive-through handing out water or filling box lunch orders for St Patrick's Day, you are making a difference!

Words cannot adequately express the gratitude that I, the board and staff wish to convey. Please know that your volunteerism is recognized, valued and cherished. We thank you and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

May God bless you
and your family,

Vicky L. Schultz
President/CEO



PS We hope that everyone will be inspired to experience the warmth volunteering gives! As we move into spring and summer many of our volunteers take their well-earned summer break.....If you have been thinking about volunteering, now is the time! We invite you to come to Catholic Charities with your time and talent. Bring your children so that they can understand what true giving of the heart can be!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 PM

We thank all the wonderful volunteers who support this agency! Our 19,626 volunteers contributed nearly 76,732 hours this past year. We are so proud of you! This is quite the accomplishment and without you we could not continue to provide Hope, Help and Healing within our communities. We hope you will join us so that we may honor you for your hard work and commitment over the past year.

Please Join us for this FREE Event!

Our Lady of Guadalupe
2316 W. Coldwater Road
Flint, MI 48505

Please RSVP to John Manse on 810.785.6911 or jmanse@ccsgc.org

Angels Among Us –
continued

TALENT

Catholic Charities' Facility Manager Greg Coulter feels that there might have been a few angels guiding him through the doors of 901 Chippewa when he first arrived in 2012. For most of his life, Coulter had been self-employed, owning and operating a maintenance company, and later a construction company. When the recession hit in 2008 and the building industry began to decline, he started to feel the pinch quite keenly. Little did he know that his wife had seen the job posting at Catholic Charities and submitted an application on his behalf. He admits that when he heard the interview request in his voicemail, he wasn't going to return the call...but something made him change his mind. "When I accepted the position, I felt like everything I had done in my working life had been leading me to that moment," said Coulter.

When Coulter joined Catholic Charities, the maintenance department was virtually non-existent. Similar to many nonprofits, they got by the best they could when things went wrong, and they spent a lot of time hoping nothing would go wrong! Coulter's experience was exactly what the charity needed, not only to patch the occasional hole or change light bulbs, but to transform several of the programs now offered by Catholic Charities. He was also integral in developing curriculum for the janitorial training used by the Re-Connections Program.

Just when he thought he had all he could handle, the Water Crisis broke in Flint. "I was on vacation when it hit the news, and by the time I got back, the gymnasium in the old St. Michael's School had been filled with semi loads of water. The floor was even starting to sag under the weight of it," he said, "and we had no forklifts. We had to unload and distribute all of the water by hand." Despite the back-breaking work, Coulter reflected that it was an amazing experience. "I met people from all over the country coming to help the people of Flint survive the crisis. It was a privilege to be part of so many people fighting the good fight."

Throughout his tenure at Catholic Charities, Coulter has overseen the renovation of St. Michael's School, now the **Center for Hope**; and despite all of the obstacles and difficulties that go along with a project of that magnitude, he can always be found with a smile on his face, ready to do what needs to be done.



TREASURE

Karen Church joined ELGA Credit Union in 1978. A philanthropist at heart, she has served in the role of CEO at ELGA since 1992 and has taken the credit union's philosophy to heart—"people helping people." She has a number of community affiliations including: Community Foundation Women and Girls Advisory Council, St. Luke's N.E.W. Life Center, Zonta and the Literacy Network.

She started her journey with Catholic Charities as a volunteer at the North End Soup Kitchen (NESK), and by donating to the Community Closet many years ago. Like all great philanthropists, Church has a great love of humanity, and she understands the difference between the proverbial gift of a fish to a hungry person, and teaching people how to fish.



"I'm passionate about helping people, especially young people, learn skills to become happy and healthy," she said.

"That's why in 2013 I decided to hold the first 'ELGA Ginormous Tent Sale' to benefit Mr. Gaines Garden Program PLUS." This community-based

gardening program at Catholic Charities enables at-risk Flint youth to learn job skills, grow produce, market and sell their harvest at the Flint Farmer's Market, and teaches them about nutrition, including how to prepare healthy meals. Since 2016, Church has generated almost \$40,000 to help fund the Mr. Gaines Gardening Program.

After years of service to Catholic Charities, she was determined to get involved on a deeper level and in 2016, she applied to become a Board Member. In her leadership role at the Agency, she is committed to the revitalization of Flint and believes that to do so, you must first take care of those most in need. "Catholic Charities is a pillar in our community helping thousands of people who often don't have anyone to provide for them," she said. "We assist all people of all races and religions and, when there is a crisis in the community, people turn to us."

In April 2017, Catholic Charities awarded Church with the *Hands of Hope* award for her overarching work to affect change within her spheres of influence. Her ability to lead with both her heart and her head has earned her those angel wings.



Helping Flint Residents Through Water Recovery Efforts

WATER RECOVERY CONTINUES

As the water recovery winds down, Catholic Charities continues to provide the residents of Flint with access to reliable clean water with our filling stations at the Center for Hope and North End Soup Kitchens.

(February 13, 2018) Flint, Mich – Mayor Karen Weaver issued the following statement today after reviewing the latest round of test results from water samples collected at Flint Community Schools:

"It's encouraging to see that most of the water sample results are below the federal action level for lead. However, we cannot ignore that some of the sites tested show elevated lead levels, which leads us to believe there is still more work that needs to be done to make sure our kids are safe and not exposed to lead. As the testing continues, we have developed a plan to get more parents, teachers and members of the community involved to educate them on what these test results mean as efforts to get the lead out goes on. The City of Flint Technical Advisory Council is working to organize a series of community meetings, to share and review water quality test results and discuss what the data means. We want residents to be involved, and be part of the process as we work to resolve this issue. We should all be doing what we can to make sure our children are safe."



WWW.gofundme.com/waterforflintccsgc

We have raised \$25,674 of our \$50,000 goal! During the Flint Water Recover efforts, Catholic Charities is providing help to those in need. There are filling stations at the Center for Hope and North End Soup Kitchens.



Thank You

TO EVERYONE WHO
MADE THE HOLIDAYS
at CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPECIAL!

The holiday season kicked off at Catholic Charities this year at the North End Soup Kitchen which was filled with warm hearts and helping hands preparing and serving 310 meals and distributing 290 gift bags on Thanksgiving Day! The very next day the Knights of Columbus joined us for their annual Coats for Kids give away and distributed 390 coats. The following Monday we received a record 2,899 lbs of nonperishable donations from C & L Ward which was raised at their annual Stuff the Truck event - and the giving didn't stop all season! On December 16, One Kind Step visited us from New Jersey to distribute gifts to Doyle Ryder Elementary students. With a hand from Santa's helpers we were able to distribute gifts to 210 children and 160 adults who were guests at the North End Soup Kitchen on Christmas day so that people would experience the joys and true spirit of Christmas - Giving! We witnessed countless acts of service and compassion which helped us distribute gifts to 1437 children through our Adopt a Child program. Finally, we filled 466 bellies with a delicious Christmas Dinner! We couldn't do any of this without your support and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who donated their time and treasure to bring a lot of joy to so many in need and make Christmas 2017 a success!



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Michigan Department of Treasury



Carey at VG's donated a gorgeous cake!



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church volunteering in the Center for Hope Soup Kitchen.



Francisco & Rae



More snuggle sacks!



Art Luna of Martus Luna Memorial for your donation for personal undergarments for our Community Closet!



Michigan State University Extension - Flint



Toy trucks from the UAW



Trudy & Denice from Circle of Friends making a donation.



Ed our local Kmart store manager and Vicky, CEO Catholic Charities, with some lovely items that were purchased with donated giftcards for the Community Closet.



Mary Musolf from St. Patrick's with volunteers Adam & Calli from U of M and Wayne State.



Hope. Help. Healing.

It was November 2010 when Vicky Schultz, CEO of Catholic Charities, sat in her office on a chilly winter morning watching people wait in line for a cold packed lunch in the parking lot across the street. While the snow blew around them, she watched them try to find a sheltered place to eat. Sitting in her warm office, knowing that her own lunch would be hot and eaten in comfort, she couldn't bare it any longer – in that moment she made a decision: open the doors.

The previous spring, St. Michaels School had closed its doors for the last time and the Diocese of Lansing sold the building to Catholic Charities, whose offices are in the old convent behind the school. When she acquired the building, Vicky had grand plans for its future use, but those plans would take time and the people in the parking lot couldn't wait. She opened the doors that day and the first Catholic Charities **Warming Center** was born. The following spring the building was renamed the **Sister Claudia**

Burke Center for Hope and it took another seven years for Vicky's vision of the Center to become a reality.

The newly renovated **Center for Hope** opened its doors to the public on October 30, 2017. It offers a variety of services and provides a comprehensive solution, fulfilling the agency's mission of **Providing Help and Creating Hope**. In a city suffering from economic hardship, high crime rates, and most recently the water crisis, Catholic Charities believes the secret to healing Flint is in the name – **Hope**. While the Center offers food, water, shelter, and clothing to anyone who walks through their doors, providing **hope** perhaps is the most powerful thing the Center offers.

In his book *Anatomy of Hope*, physician Jerome Groopman considers **hope** as important as any medication he could prescribe or procedure he could perform. He says, "**Hope**, unlike optimism, is rooted in pure reality. **Hope** is the elevating feeling we experience when we see – in the mind's eye – a path to a better future. **Hope** acknowledges the significant obstacles and

deep pitfalls along the path. Clear-eyed **hope** gives us the courage to confront our circumstances and the capacity to surmount them."

Few things are more elusive than **hope**. It isn't tangible, easily measurable, or available in pill form. Yet there is a growing body of evidence which suggests that **hope** may wield a significant influence on healing – and even survival.

For many people, **Catholic Charities' Center for Hope** is the beginning of a new path for recovery, offering food, clothing, clean water, shelter, and access to counseling and mental health services; substance-use disorder treatment and recovery services; housing assistance; and furniture. The **Center for Hope** offers just that – **hope** for each new day that comes.

WARMING CENTER

The journey for many people starts in the Warming Center, which runs from December to April every year. People have a tendency to lump all homeless people into one of two camps – mentally handicapped or substance abusers – and while it is true that some do

fit into those categories, many do not. Many homeless people have jobs and education but find themselves either under-employed or in an area with an inflated housing market that presents challenges to find affordable housing.

If you've never been homeless, it's tough to realize that first night sleeping on the street. The fear and disillusionment are almost paralyzing. You do what needs to be done to stay alive, while at the same time are beating yourself up for being in this situation. It is very surreal, because no one ever thinks they will become homeless. No one.

Catholic Charities prides itself to offer a safe haven where people never have to beat themselves up for needing to ask for help. "We serve anyone who comes to our doors, without judgment," says Schultz. "We are only here to help. It is not uncommon to have 80-100 people staying with us every night... even entire families."

counseling, and they even have a work-ready room to help people get jobs. I don't know what I would have done without them. They saved me from a very deep, dark place."

At Catholic Charities, Riggs was able to get the counseling she needed to deal with the grief, which was causing her debilitating depression. She began volunteering at the **Center for Hope**. Just over a year ago, Redonna became the Community Closet coordinator – a paid position. She now works part time as the coordinator, and she volunteers her time the rest of the week.

The **Center for Hope** Soup Kitchen is one of three soup kitchens run by the Agency. Combined, they prepare almost 200,000 meals per year. Today the meal programs and Warming Center have become literally the difference between life and death for some of the most disadvantaged people in our community.

OUTREACH—UTILITIES AND RENT ASSISTANCE

The first priority of Catholic Charities is to make sure the basic needs of their clients are met in an environment that makes them feel cared for and safe. Once those needs are met, the Agency does everything it can to help clients find their way back to self-sufficiency. Many of the people who come through the doors of the **Center for Hope** have never had the privilege of knowing what it feels like to have someone believe in them and help them stand on their own two feet.

Cindy McDaniel, Outreach Specialist at Catholic Charities, spends her days doing just that. "When a single mother calls me, sobbing because she has just become homeless and she doesn't know what to do, I make sure she is connected to the proper resources, but I also guide her through the process so that she feels empowered. Empowerment is perhaps the most important service we can provide our clients because when someone feels they are in control of their life, they have **hope** that everything is going to be fine," says McDaniel. Catholic Charities is one of only three



organizations which still offer assistance with rent and utilities.

RECONNECTIONS THROUGH RE-CONNECTIONS

Flint, Michigan has the second-largest population of returning parolees in the state, with more than 700 men returning in 2017.

Some of them will re-offend, returning to prison because they feel lost and helpless. All of them will find re-connecting to everyday life difficult. The challenge will be an uphill climb, overwhelming, even terrifying – without help. They face the reality of returning to a city they no longer know, filled with blight and now the Flint water crisis, with little chance of getting a job in a struggling economy. The challenges faced by those coming out of the prison system are almost beyond comprehension for most of us, but there is **hope**...

In 2015, Dennis Weinand started Re-Connections, a faith-based organization whose goal is to assist in the transition of post-incarcerated people back into their families and communities. Re-Connections empowers citizens with felonies through coaching, education, and employment. Dennis brought his mission of empowering citizens with felony records to Catholic Charities and in 2017, he officially joined the Catholic Charities team. He now has a dual role as Executive Director of Re-Connections and Employment Resource Specialist for the Catholic Charities' Offender Success Program. Since its inception, the program has gone from strength to strength, offering post-incarcerated people a solid foundation on which to rebuild their lives.



COMMUNITY CLOSET AND SOUP KITCHEN

Redonna Riggs, Community Closet Coordinator at Catholic Charities, has never been homeless but she knows firsthand how Catholic Charities changes lives. She first came to Catholic

Charities after the death of her son, shortly followed by her mother's death, in 2012. She was suffering from severe depression prompted by grief and loss and she was on a fixed income resulting from an injury she suffered as a victim of domestic violence. Attempting to take care of her children, as well as grandchildren left in her care because of her son's death, she sank into deeper and deeper depression.

There were days, Redonna recalls, when she didn't eat so that her children and grandchildren would have enough. Her first encounter with Catholic Charities was in the soup kitchen. Struggling to even get out of bed, she finally was convinced to accept help. "Sometimes, it just takes realizing that someone actually cares, to begin getting better," says Riggs, "I realized after a while that Catholic Charities is more than just a soup kitchen and warming center. They also help with clothing, utility assistance,

We're not just looking for a few We're looking lot of GREAT



It's such a great honor and privilege to be in the company of dynamic women who truly are moving the needle in their communities and changing the world. Everyday, there are hardworking women in our communities struggling to just put food on the table for their families. Everyday, they are working multiple jobs around the clock while cleaning their own homes, grocery shopping and caring for the kids often by themselves. They are hard working single Moms who have little to no support and honestly just require the smallest of needs to make it through the day. These are the women who are not sleeping because they work second shift and make it home just in time to get their kids ready for school and then off to their soccer or baseball games. But they're not sleeping just because of their relentless work schedule, they are also stressed thinking about how they're going to make a payment on their next energy or utilities bill. These are the woman and their children we reach out to and provide resources for. It's such a privilege to give back to these strong ladies who do so much and ask for so little in return. This is their time to breathe, to be given the opportunities they are working so diligently to provide to their own children. For me this group of women are providing a tremendous gift of hope, and that's something you can't ever put a price tag on.

Producer of
Innovative Health Radio
Kristen Wolosonovich



Being a part of support for women and children is simply the way I grew up. My mother raised me in the tradition of being a responsible citizen in the human village. My parents both emphasized the importance of helping those in need when you can, however you can. Through church primarily, I grew up watching my mother, grandmothers, and the women of my community come together for one another.

Whether it was baby sitting one another's children, practicing for job interviews to get better or even 1st time jobs, or whether they were helping one another be more dedicated to Christ by studying their Bible together or praying together-- I saw the women in my life giving of their time, talents, and love for one another, to one another.

Being a part of giving through organizations like Catholic Charities is just one of the ways I continue the tradition I was raised in. Everybody needs help every now and then and if I can do that for one woman and her child(ren) then that's a family in Flint that has one less thing to worry about. It really does make a difference, when you give what you have and give who you are."

Dr. Letitia



I feel privileged and honored to be part of Women Providing Hope. There is no better time than now as we move forward with the women's movement, as a group of powerful women coming together to bring about change.

I believe that we can help implement programs and share resources. As the publisher for *Innovative Health Magazine* we have written and shared many stories. Unfortunately some of those women have lost their battles.

We believe by supporting one another it makes us stronger. We are looking for women who really want to help us make a difference...

We hope that is you! If you are interested in becoming part of this life-changing group please get in touch with us. We would love to have your support and dedication in helping change the lives of other women. It starts right here in our community.

Publisher of
Innovative Health Magazine
Karen Smith Fowls



Hope Help and Healing
W2W brings like-minded women together who have the power to improve lives and address the critical needs in our community.

We recognize the strength of women as philanthropists and volunteers and their unique position to influence future generations. We invite you to step forward and use you heart, head and hands to drive positive change. We act locally, but we are part of a growing global movement of caring women who bring real change which ripples out into the world.

Publisher of
Women 2 Women
Debra Collins

good women for a women!



Why Choose to join Women Providing Hope?

When you give to Catholic Charities *Women Providing Hope* you support partnerships and programs that improve the lives of children and families. Your gifts:

- Assist counseling programs for women, help pregnant women and women who are sole caregivers.
- Provide women and their families with immediate emergency assistance such as food, water, shelter and basic health services.
- Help supply women with personal needs items such as shampoo, diapers, formula, and toilet paper, as well as clothing and household goods.
- Connect women with job-seeking resources such as resume-building and work apparel strengthening their potential to find employment opportunities.

Making opportunities possible for women, children and families across Shiawassee and Genesee Counties. Catholic Charities is a champion for working families. We mobilize volunteers, community organizations and local leaders to find lasting solutions to the challenges in our region.

Join Now!

I commit to *Women Providing Hope* with my pledge of

- One Time Donation \$1,000
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CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES Make a gift and receive steady payments in return. Your annuity payments will not be affected by economic downturns, and will continue for life.

CORPORATE GIVING For many companies, giving to Catholic Charities is a compelling way to support the communities where they do business. Make a program grant, sponsor a special event, host a food or clothing drive or volunteer.

VEHICLE DONATIONS We accept cars, trucks, boats and RV's. Pick-up is free and we do all the paperwork.

EVENTS Become involved in one of our fundraising events as an individual or corporate sponsor, a ticket or table purchaser, a member of a host committee or a volunteer.

IN-KIND DONATIONS Bring gently worn clothes, household goods and furniture. We will pick up large donations anywhere in Shiawassee or Genesee Counties. Please call 810 785 6911 to arrange pick up. For all other in-kind donations call Mary Stevenson at the Center for Hope.

MATCHING GIFTS Ask your employer if a matching gift program is offered. You may be able to double or triple your generosity with a matching gift.

ONLINE GIVING Online giving is safe, secure and fast. Go to catholiccharitiesflint.org to donate.

PLANNED GIFTS To help future generations, name Catholic Charities as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement account or insurance policy. You will become a member of our Legacy Society when you include us in your estate plans.

STOCKS AND SECURITIES Gifts of appreciated stock may result in tax savings.

TRIBUTE GIFTS You can make a donation in memory of a loved one or celebrate a special occasion.



*“We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.”*
-Winston Churchill

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For answers to your questions about giving, contact Joan Clarke, Director of Development at (810) 232.9950 ext 710 or jclarke@ccsgc.org

**What you see
on the surface
is only part of
the story.**



BENEATH

Providing Help...Creating Hope

BENEATH provides homeless individuals with underwear and socks. These items are among the most requested yet least donated items in homeless shelters. By providing these necessities, you are giving much more than clothing. Your donation is a symbol that you recognize we are all the same beneath the surface. BENEATH recognizes that a person's self-worth comes from within and that dignity is the cornerstone of healing.

Catholic Charities has partnered with Bombas, a sock company with a big heart! For every pair of socks we purchase, we get an additional pair free! That means your donation goes twice as far! To support the BENEATH campaign, go to www.gofundme.com/ccbeneath



2018 Wish List

- Picnic table for Center for Hope
- Gift Cards – or school uniforms, shoes, pajamas & stuffed animals for kids.
- Infant formula & baby wipes
- Kitchen towels & aprons for soup kitchens
- Furniture & appliances for families in need
- Work boots & career attire for Work Ready program
- Respite for senior caregivers.
- Personal care items
- Cleaning supplies
- New desktop scanners

5 Myths

I'm too old or too young to foster

There is no legal maximum or minimum age for fostering. You just need show that you have the experience, ability and dedication to make a difference to a child's life.

I need to be married to foster

There are foster carers from all walks of life, the important thing is that you have the skills and dedication to provide care and love for a child.

I can't afford to support a child

Foster carers who are looking after a child receive an allowance to cover the cost of that care, which varies according to the child's needs.

I need to own my home to foster

You can be a foster carer without owning your home, but you will need to have space and stability to offer.

I can't foster because I'm employed

Having a foster carer that combines fostering with other work will not be right for every child but for some it is absolutely possible.



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St. Patrick's Day

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