

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNECTIONS

FALL 2018

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Greetings!

We have a lot of great work being done at Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee & Hillsdale Counties. In this Fall 2018 issue of *Catholic Charities Connections*, we update you on a few highlights. Thank you for joining in our goal of *Providing Help* and *Creating Hope* for the people of our community. Happy Fall!

News and Updates

Catholic Charities' Executive Director, Sue Lewis, named one of <u>Jackson Magazine's</u> *Health Care Angels for 2018*

We were very excited for the recognition our Executive Director received through the <u>Jackson Magazine</u> recently! Sue Lewis exemplifies leadership in the community through her dedication to providing mental health services here at Catholic Charities. She was nominated for the *Health Care Angels Award* by members of our Board of Directors. The selection committee was so impressed with her story that she was even selected for the cover photo of the magazine! Congratulations and thank you for your service to those we serve, Sue!



Read the article in Jackson Magazine on their website!

WE'RE HIRING!

Catholic Charities is always looking for new staff to fill our open positions. For a current listing of career opportunities, watch the Careers page on our website and check back often!

CAREERS

Faith in Action Fundraising Dinner

Catholic Charities held our 2nd Annual *Faith in Action* fundraising dinner on Thursday, September 13, 2018. Fr. Joe Krupp and Fr. Tim MacDonald were "Back in Black" for an inspiring and fun evening, which again drew a packed room of supporters from across the area. The 5th and 6th grade students from Sacred Heart School in Hudson graciously served as greeters. The evening included testimonials from clients in a variety of Catholic Charities' programs and Program Managers were on hand to provide statistics on the number of people we serve each year. Guests were encouraged to pledge ongoing support through Catholic Charities' *St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Society*. Continuing the tradition, guests joined all the priests present in singing the favorite hymn "Whatsoever You Do". Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, the agency will be able to impact even more lives in the upcoming years.



Left to right: Fr. Tomy Kattikanayil, Fr. Joe Krupp, Fr. Tim MacDonald, Fr. Todd Koenigsknecht, Fr. David Hudgins, Fr. Brian Lenz, and Fr. David Reamsnyder



Lenaw ee County Assistant Prosecutor Angie Borders talks about the impact from Catholic Charities' Child Advocacy Center, with Lenaw ee County CAC Program Manager, Amanda Davis.



Volunteer Drivers Dan Bishop (also a Board member) and Jim Lefere present information about our Senior Transportation Program.



The 5th & 6th Grade class from Sacred Heart School in Hudson, MI came to lend a hand at our event.

A.D.A.M. 9th Annual Balloon Launch

Our A.D.A.M. (Another Day, Another Memory) Grief & Loss Support Program held its 9th annual Memorial Balloon Launch on Wednesday, September 19th at our Jackson office. With 60 community members, many of whom are past or present A.D.A.M. attendees, it was a wonderful way to honor loved ones who have gone before us. Thanks to the generous support of **Heartland Hospice** and others, everyone enjoyed a hotdog dinner and social time before the balloons with special messages of love were launched.

For more photos of the event, go to our <u>Facebook page post.</u>





Guests wrote messages of remembrance for their loved ones (above). Program Manager Robin Weber and Fr. Tom Helfrich as Fr. Tom leads the group in prayer (right).



Volunteer Corner

In this edition, we want to say a big **THANK YOU** to our **Board of Directors**. We couldn't do what we do without the dedication and leadership of our hardworking Board of Directors!

Our Board is comprised of volunteers from across our region who serve our agency in this capacity. These wonderful leaders do much more for our agency and our community than most - they are also actively involved with the agency as volunteers well beyond their duties as Board members. They show up to pitch in and work whenever they are needed, help plan events, and spread the news about our work wherever they go.



A special THANK YOU goes out to **Jean Kaisler**, **our Board Secretary**. Jean put in countless hours to assist with the organizing and planning of our recent fundraising event, to help make it a huge success. Her dedication to our mission of serving others does not go unnoticed by everyone at our agency and throughout the community. We are very blessed to have her as part of our team, changing lives by **Providing Help** and **Creating Hope** for those we serve.

Thank you, Jean, and all of our Board members! You are appreciated!

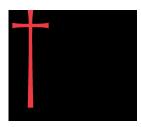
To find out how you can get involved as a volunteer, find out more on our Get Involved page on our website, or contact us at info@catholiccharitiesilhc.org.

Upcoming

Watch for information about our **Anniversary Celebration!**

Catholic Charities is having a milestone anniversary next month. Watch our Facebook page and our Website for information on how you can help us celebrate!





We encourage you to share our newsletter with your friends and family. Follow us on Facebook for current news! Go to www.CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org to learn more about our Programs and Services and the great work we do in carrying out our mission - to share the love of Christ by performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.



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