



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNECTIONS

FALL 2019

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Greetings!

As we're closing out the celebration of our 60th Anniversary in November, we couldn't be prouder of the work we do in our community. We have had a year packed with joyful stories and stressful concerns, as we continue to grow and adapt to the challenges we face each day. Our clients need help and hope, and Catholic Charities continues to be here for them, just as we have for the last 60 years.

Our Facebook page is a great addition to our newsletter, giving even more information and highlights of our activities, whether it's our amazing volunteers helping our agency, or upcoming events and ways to get involved. We suggest you check it out. As always, we appreciate your prayers and donations as we work to meet the needs of our neighbors.

News and Updates

JCCAC Expansion and Renovation Project Kick Off

The Jackson County Child Advocacy Center expansion project began with knocking down an old garage building on the property to make room for the expansion of the building and additional parking area needed at the center. The number of children who have reported sexual abuse or severe physical abuse and are seen at our CACs increases annually. This expansion will be a welcome improvement for the staff and clients seen there, allowing us to better serve these most vulnerable segment of our community.

We made quick work of the demolition project during our 'Tear Down Child Abuse' kick off event.



A big thanks to the many individuals and foundations who have given their support to help make this project possible. We are close to our fundraising goal which will make groundbreaking possible.

Donations of any amount can make a difference on our projects and programs serving the those in need. Giving is easy. Simply click our [Donate Now](#) button to give securely online, or contact us about other ways to give.

***Faith in Action* Fundraising Dinner**

Back for our 3rd annual *Faith in Action* Fundraising Dinner was Fr. Tim MacDonald, serving as emcee for the evening. Special guest Dr. Ray Guarendi, Catholic radio and TV host, author, speaker, psychologist and father of ten adopted children, provided a fun and engaging talk about parenting in today's culture and the importance of the work we do at Catholic Charities. The evening culminated with a call to guests to put their *faith in action* through a pledge of financial support in our **St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Society**.

Our generous sponsors made it possible to fully underwrite the event, so every dollar raised goes directly to our mission work. A list of our sponsors can be found on our website [HERE](#).



Dr. Ray Guarendi, host of "The Doctor Is In" on Catholic Radio stations across the country, including Good Shepherd Catholic Radio in Jackson.



Our ever-supportive Men In Black were back in full force including ten priests and several deacons from across our service area. Pictured here: Fr. Rick Eberle, Fr. Mike Newman, Dcn. Gene Hausmann, Dcn. Patrick Gorzcyka, Fr. Tim MacDonald, Fr. Tom Helfrich, Fr. Tim Nelson, Fr. Todd Koenigsknecht, Fr. Tim McIntire, Dcn. Len Brown and Dcn. Dave Etters.



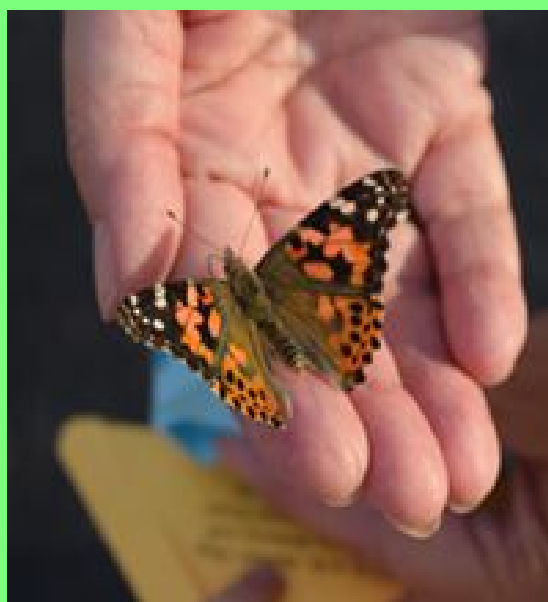
Thanks to all who attended and made our event a huge success!

To find out more about membership in our St. Teresa Society, or about other ways to give, please contact our Development staff at (517)879-0599 or (517)262-0466, or email info@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org.

A.D.A.M. Butterfly Release Memorial Event

Our grief and loss support program, A.D.A.M. (Another Day, Another Memory), held their annual Memorial Event in September. New this year was a butterfly release, which was very moving for those who attended. Guests were encouraged to whisper a message to their loved ones and could write messages of remembrance on butterfly cutouts. The event included a hotdog dinner and featured songs and motivational messages. To find out more about our grief support groups, follow our A.D.A.M. page on Facebook [HERE](#).





WE'RE HIRING!

Catholic Charities is trying to meet the growing demand for our services, which means we are always on the lookout for great candidates. For a current listing of career opportunities, watch the [Careers](#) page and share it with your friends.

Bags of Hope Volunteers Needed

The food pantries we partner with across Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties are in need of additional personal care items. These items are distributed to the families who come there for food support. If you or your service organization would like to make a difference, you can use our Bags of Hope shopping bags to fill with items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, or other items. We will connect you with a partnering pantry where you can drop off sorted items. For more information, contact Bea at bcuthbertson@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org, or by calling (517)879-0599.



Foster Parent Orientation Opportunities Still Available

It's not too late to check out our Foster Parent Orientation. We still have many orientation dates coming up. If you have ever thought about what it takes to become a Foster Parent, now's your time. Click [HERE](#) to find the full list of dates. Remember, *if the dates and times planned don't fit your schedule, feel free to contact us to set up a time that is right for you.*



We need your support to provide counseling services for your neighbor who comes to us for

help, your relative struggling with addiction, and your friend who needs a hand up. We can't do it without you! Your donation in any amount can help make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Giving is easy.

You can give online [HERE](#) through our secure donation site, or mail or drop off your donation to our office nearest you. Want to learn more about our **St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Society**, or options for setting up ongoing support through EFT? Contact us at (517)879-0599 for details.

Volunteer Corner

The wonderful **Crafty Ladies sewing group** from the **Morenci United Methodist Church** are our featured volunteers in this issue's *Volunteer Corner*. They have been very busy sewing Comfort Quilts for our Child Advocacy Centers, and stepped up to fill a request for Christmas stockings for the children in our Foster Care program. They are such a blessing to us and the many other organizations for which they sew. Thank you, Crafty Ladies! You are helping make children's lives better in our community.



Annual Christmas Appeal

Before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us. We are preparing for our Annual Christmas Appeal mailing, which will once again feature artwork from a child in our Foster Care program. Watch for your card to arrive in the mail shortly after Thanksgiving. We rely on your generosity to meet the needs of our clients. We encourage you to consider a tax-deductible donation to help us close out the year in a strong position financially. Thank you for your continued support!



Follow us on [Facebook](#) for our latest news. We encourage you to share our newsletter with your friends and family. Learn more about our Programs and Services at www.CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org.

Please pray for us as we carry out our **mission - to share the love of Christ by performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.**

May God bless you!

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