



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNECTIONS

SPRING 2020

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Greetings!

Wow! What a crazy time in our world. With the COVID-19 crisis worldwide, this is a perfect reminder for prayer, mercy, and generosity. Never did we think we'd see something like this, but here we are. Trust that our Lord has a plan for this and that our world, our nation, our state, and our community will be better because of the lessons we'll learn as we work our way through it.

Our agency has faced some significant hardships with this, too. Along with the government restrictions came new rules, reassessment of operations and program services, and need for additional funds. We have seen some challenges, which caused significant disruption to our everyday operations. We are confident we will come out of this better poised to meet the needs of our clients and communities. Watch for more information about helping support our work on **May 5th**, which has been designated nationally as **#GivingTuesdayNow**. This day is being set aside to help nonprofit agencies, like us, reach the critical funding goals we need now to better navigate our response to COVID-19 and be prepared to adjust moving forward. With diligent work and long hours from key staff and other support personnel, we want to be sure we are ready to tackle the road ahead.

As always, Catholic Charities appreciates your prayers and monetary donations as we continue working to meet the needs of our neighbors.

News and Updates

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Thanks in part to grants from the **Greater Toledo Community Foundation** and the **United Way of Jackson County** COVID-19 Relief Funds, we have been able to respond effectively to the COVID-19 crisis. Our clients now have access to Telehealth counseling services, allowing them to meet with our therapists while maintaining required social distancing. This means existing clients can continue their progress and others can get help during this time of added stress. *Thank you* for your generous support of our work!

Find out more about the Greater Toledo Community Foundation at www.toldeocf.org and <https://uwjackson.org/covid-19-relief-fund/>.

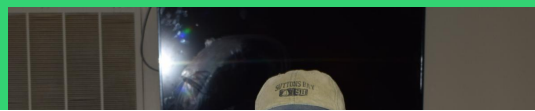


Wrapping Up

We are humbled by the generosity of our donors during our **2019 Christmas Appeal** campaign. With help from some very dedicated volunteers, we were able to mail out 12,000 Christmas cards. Because of them and our generous donors, we are happy to report we had the best Christmas campaign yet. Thank you!



Our **2020 St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch** event was a great success. Because of the dedicated support of our volunteers, we were able to make and sell over 1,640 lunches. Once again, we had sponsors who helped cover the costs involved, helping every lunch bring a bigger impact to the bottom line. Without the tremendous help from Dee & Jerry Schell and volunteers at the St. Joseph's Social Center, the amazing ladies from the St. Maria Goretti Circle group at Queen's parish (see *Volunteer Corner* below), and the countless other volunteers who show up year after year, we never could make this happen. **THANK YOU** to all of you!





Above - It took every table we could fit to lay out the lunch boxes across the social hall. This is a portion of the room!

Below - Volunteers helped for several days to be sure we had a successful fundraiser.



Retired CCJLHC Office Manager, Marian Burlingham, was one of the many dedicated volunteers who made our event possible.

Foster Parents Needed

We are always searching for loving foster parents. Contact our Child Welfare staff about upcoming informational orientation meetings. PLEASE NOTE: With the restrictions on meeting in person, our staff will work one-on-one with you to schedule virtual training. Call (517)740-1731 to get started. More information on becoming a foster parent can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Is God calling you to serve as a Foster Parent?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF JACKSON, LENAWE & HILLSDALE COUNTIES
NEEDS YOU TO
BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Attend an upcoming Orientation to find out more!

Why Foster Care?

- There are 13,700 children currently in the foster care system in the State of Michigan
- There are only 6,300 licensed foster homes available in the State of Michigan
- Please consider opening your home and your heart to a foster child in need!

Orientation is the first step to becoming a foster parent.
It is an informational meeting that includes:

- What is foster care
- Qualifications to become a foster parent
- Information on foster parent training

What is Orientation?

When is Orientation?

MARCH:
Tuesday March 10th @ 11am
Tuesday March 24th @ 5:30pm

APRIL:
Tuesday April 7th @ 11am
Tuesday April 21st @ 5:30pm

MAY:
Tuesday May 5th @ 11am
Tuesday May 19th @ 5:30pm

JUNE:
Tuesday June 9th @ 11am
Tuesday June 23rd @ 5:30pm

JULY:
Tuesday July 7th @ 11am
Tuesday July 21st @ 5:30pm

RSVP to an upcoming orientation by contacting:
Veronica Bresnay, Foster Care/Licensing Supervisor
Call (517)740-1731 to RSVP

How Do I Attend Orientation?

Make a
difference in
a child's life
today!

Orientations are held at:
123 East Maumee Street
Adrian, MI 49221
*Orientation dates are subject to change



Career Opportunities

Catholic Charities is searching for great candidates for open positions. You can find our listing on our [Careers](#) page. Please share it with your friends looking for a rewarding career opportunity.

Volunteer Corner

There is a very special group of amazing ladies who deserve our thanks all year long. The members of the **St. Maria Goretti Circle** from Queen of the Miraculous Medal parish in Jackson have helped us event after event, year after year. They are always there to lend a hand, no matter what help we need. Thanks to **Jo Hooper** and **Shelly Farhat** for continuing to rally the troops and step up to help, always going beyond our expectations in quality. Our St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch event wouldn't be able to succeed without their dedication to serve others. Day after day, they were there doing whatever needed to be done. Thank you, "Circle Ladies"! Your kind and generous hearts are a blessing to us and those we serve.





Be sure to watch our [Facebook](#) page for announcements on ways you can get involved as a volunteer with Catholic Charities. As opportunities arise, we will post information there.

Upcoming

#GivingTuesdayNow Campaign



On **Tuesday, May 5th**, watch your email and our Facebook page to get involved with our **#GivingTuesdayNow** fundraising campaign. Plan now to make a bigger impact by running your own fundraiser for Catholic Charities through [Facebook](#) or [JustGiving](#), sharing your gift giving to inspire others, and help us spread the word about our efforts. With changes in service delivery, need for additional equipment, and planning for enhances services ahead, the need for financial support is real.

Annual Report

Watch for our 2019 Annual Report, coming soon. It will be posted on our website [HERE](#) and arriving in mailboxes of donors from last year.

Thank you for your financial support in 2019!




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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