



## Catholic Charities Connections Spring 2021

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### Greetings!

Here we are in the Easter season already! It seems like 2020 is squarely behind us and we find the new hope of a new year in our midst. We have a lot to look forward to this summer with growth in our yards and gardens — and growth in our work at Catholic Charities. Read on to find out what's going on and how God is moving through our work.

As always, Catholic Charities appreciates your prayers and monetary donations as we work to meet the needs of our neighbors. With faithful work, we are focused on *Providing Help* and *Creating Hope* for anyone who comes to us for help.

## Going on Now!

### Bike-a-Thon to Support JCCAC's Expansion and Renovation Project

#NationalChildAbusePreventionMonth

The Jackson County Child Advocacy Center (JCCAC) offers supportive services to children when there are allegations of sexual abuse. All services provided at our CACs are free to the child and their non-offending caregiver. The demand for these services in our community is high, and as we recover from the pandemic we expect the number of cases to increase. First, we need expanded and more-efficient space at our current facility. Second, we need your help to make that possible.

We are raising funds for the expansion and renovation of our center to better serve the children in the Jackson and surrounding communities who need our services. Your participation in the *JCCAC Bike-a-Thon: Cycle Against Child Abuse* will bring us closer to breaking ground. We have already raised \$245,000 of the \$289,000 but we need your help to close this gap.



For more information on how to participate in this VIRTUAL event, click [HERE](#).

For more information on the JCCAC expansion and renovation project, click [HERE](#).

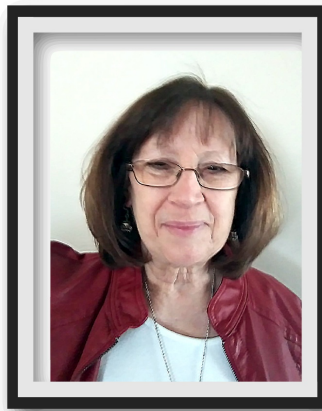
To download an event flyer to share or print, click [HERE](#).

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HOW is up to you!

## From the Desk of...



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At Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee & Hillsdale Counties, substance use disorder services are provided through our *Bridges to Recovery* program. This program supports a person's journey toward recovery and wellness by creating and sustaining networks of formal and informal services and supports. The opportunities established through collaboration, partnership, and a broad array of services promote life-enhancing recovery and wellness for individuals, families, and communities. *Bridges to Recovery* utilizes a team approach; these team members are available to meet with clients in individual and group settings. Team members include therapists, peer recovery coaches, case managers, administrative coordinators, and program supervisors.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we have had to be flexible and adjust to the ever-changing landscape. There have been times when we were not able to provide group services due to changes in regulations; however, during those times we were still able to see clients individually, either in person or via telehealth. Continuing our services provided support for people with substance use disorders by helping to keep them out of isolation, which can be detrimental to a person who is struggling with substance. We also connected clients to virtual 12-step meetings — and other recovery pathways — to encourage connection to others.

Many of our staff have been impacted by substance use disorders through their own families or with their own journeys in recovery. We have a deep understanding of the barriers that people face when they come into recovery and we are always here to lend a helping hand. It is an honor for us to be here and guide others through those difficult first few months of recovery; it inspires us to see someone flourish and move toward a life filled with meaning and purpose. Recovery is indeed a journey and we are here to walk that pathway with our clients.

## Coming Up

The numbers are close to being crunched and finalized, and we are busy compiling our 2020 annual report. Stay tuned for details on distribution.



## Volunteer Corner



### St. Patrick's Day Box Lunches Recap

A fundraiser like CCJLHC's annual box lunches is no easy feat and does not happen without challenges. It takes meticulous planning, execution, and a prayer or two — and the support of our dedicated volunteers. We had five days of prep, which included assembling the boxes, portioning out the meat, making the sandwich and coleslaw, baking the cookies, and of course, packaging everything into a tidy little box. Our volunteers graciously gave us their time to help us with one of our biggest fundraisers, which was an astounding success despite having to limit to the number of volunteers we had on site and the walk-in cooler malfunctioning. Through these challenges, we were blessed with generosity of positivity and discovered more-efficient ways of doing things.

We thank you with all our hearts for the assistance and time our volunteers gave us — and to those of you who purchased our St. Patrick's Day box lunches. God bless you all!

## Careers with CCJLHC

# Come hang with us...

...and we'll put you to work. We will even pay you!

CCJLHC is always looking for amazing talent to join our team. Check out the current job postings on our [Careers Page](#). Our agency encourages persons of diverse faiths and backgrounds to apply for employment.

We're waiting for you!

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