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Greetings!

*"As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, loving deeds and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Thessalonians 1:3).*

The past several months have been challenging for our agency and our communities. The need for our work has only increased during this time. We have risen to meet the challenges and continue to serve those who need our help.

As always, Catholic Charities appreciates your prayers and monetary donations as we continue working to meet the needs of our neighbors. With faithful work, we are keeping focused on *Providing Help and Creating Hope*.

News and Updates

COVID-19 Update

For everyone, life has changed during this pandemic. Our agency is no exception. Each and every aspect of our agency has seen changes to our work processes, staffing, caseload, and funding. Across our agency, we have implemented new policies to keep our staff, clients, and volunteers as safe as possible when in our buildings, including mask requirements, staggered scheduling, social distancing, and more.

Our use of new technologies has allowed us to offer remote **Counseling** options for our clients. Each therapist and other professional staff has been provided the appropriate computer software and equipment which enables them to meet with clients remotely during the shutdown. The funding for new equipment, technology, and licensing for using it all came at a significant cost to the agency. We are pleased to report that grants were received to help offset these costs from a variety of community foundations. Although in-person sessions have resumed for most, this offers a new way for medically fragile clients to continue receiving the support they need.

Foster Care staff have worked through the pandemic to ensure every child has a

safe place to sleep at night and that foster families are provided the support they need. The staff at our **Child Advocacy Centers** have continued their important work despite challenges of meeting remotely.

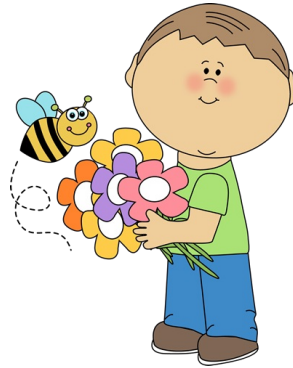
In March, we temporarily paused our **Senior Transportation** program and our **Personal Needs and Linen Closet** facility. These two programs serve populations at high-risk for Covid-19. Both programs are working to fully reopen, with necessary safety precautions in place for both volunteers and clients.

Most of our prison-based **Substance Use Disorder** staff are back in the prisons across the State, providing counseling support for those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

Foster Parents Needed

We are always searching for loving foster parents. Contact our Child Welfare staff at **(517)740-1731** about upcoming informational orientation meetings. More information on becoming a foster parent can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Is God calling you to serve as a Foster Parent?



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

The **Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild** of Jackson County has pledged their support for our agency as their one of three organizations who will receive quilts this year. The quilts are provided to victims we serve at our Jackson County Child Advocacy Center. Pieces and Patches members have also provided beautiful face masks for our staff to use during client meetings.



Mask donations were sent from a variety of talented **Volunteers** for our staff and some of our children and adult clients. We are grateful to all our mask-makers who have helped us through this crisis, ensuring we are prepared and safe while continuing our essential work.



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.

Annual Report

Our Annual report is now available online. Check it out [here](#).

Thank you for your financial support in 2019!



Christmas in July - Operation Good Cheer



We are teaming up with Children & Family Services' *Operation Good Cheer* again this year to provide our foster children with Christmas gifts.

Operation Good Cheer is an all volunteer program that purchases Christmas gifts for children in **Foster Care** across the State, then coordinates their delivery by airplane to partner foster care programs. Each program then ensures the gifts make it to the children in their care.

The cost to enroll each child in the program is \$30, but because of the generous donations from across Michigan, foster children end up receiving gifts worth far more than the enrollment fee reflects. We are still in need of donations to help cover their enrollment cost for the children we serve at Catholic Charities. If you are interested in helping out, go to <https://squareup.com/store/catholic-charities-of-jackson-lenawee-and-hillsdale-counties>. Please be generous in helping us to provide this wonderful service to our foster children.

Upcoming

4th Annual "Faith in Action" Fundraiser - October 8th



Watch for details on our upcoming ***Faith in Action*** event. If you've been unable to attend in the past, you will be able to participate this year, as we will be switching to a virtual event this year. Details will be listed on our [Facebook](#) page and our website, as soon as we have them available. Thank you for your patience during this transitional time. We hope you can help make it our best fundraising event ever!




This year, we are all in need of a renewal and strengthening of our Christian faith and commitment to serve others. The faithful work, loving deeds, and enduring hope it provides sustains us through difficult times, such as now.

We encourage you to share our newsletter with your friends and family and ask them to join you in supporting our work.

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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