



Catholic Charities Connections Summer 2021

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Greetings!

Most of us are busy with family time, getaways, and fun this time of year. While you're out enjoying the sunshine, take a moment to think of our clients and say a prayer for them. We all need a little help at times and our clients come to us for that help. We need to be sure we're ready to serve them when they do. With your help, we can be!

Catholic Charities counts on your prayers and financial support as we work to meet the needs of our neighbors. Donations - no matter how big or small - are always appreciated.

Updates

JCCAC Expansion and Renovation Project

We are excited to announce that we are close to breaking ground for the Jackson County Child Advocacy Center (JCCAC) expansion and renovation project. We still have a few more items to confirm before we commence this much-needed undertaking for the children who face sexual and severe physical abuse in our community. 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. This expanded and more-efficient space will help us better serve our clients.



Stay tuned for updates! For more information on the JCCAC expansion and renovation project and how to donate, click [HERE](#).

2020 Annual Report

Catholic Charities' 2020 annual report was mailed out in June. If you didn't receive a copy of the 2020 Annual Report, you can find a copy to download [HERE](#), or visit our website's annual report section ([HERE](#)).



From the Desk of...

Tracey Ventola, MSW
Child Welfare Director



*Interested in learning
more about becoming a
foster parent?*

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Catholic Charities has provided foster care services for twenty-seven years. The foster care program works with children up to seventeen years old who have been removed from their parental home due to severe abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment. Children are placed with licensed foster homes or relative homes during this time. The homes are monitored by the foster care licensing department and foster care department to ensure the children are in a safe, nurturing, and loving environment. Children are provided with multiple services while in our care, including individual therapy, family therapy, horse therapy, in-home therapy, quarterly trauma assessments, trauma therapy, psychological and psychiatric services, educational services (IEP, tutoring etc.) and medical/physical health services. Catholic Charities offers complimentary interventions to our foster children, which is quite unique to our foster care program. We feel it is important for children to be connected to their community. To help with this connection, we secure grants to assist our foster parents with engaging the children in extracurricular activities in their community. Children can participate in activities such as dance lessons, soccer, musical instrument lessons, or art classes.

The foster care program also works directly with the children's birth family to assist with rectifying the issues that brought the children into foster care. Families are involved with developing a treatment plan specific to their needs, which will assist them with addressing the issues. Catholic Charities is strongly committed to family reunification in a timely manner, providing that the involved child's health, safety, and wellbeing can be protected in the home setting. If reunification is not possible, we work to secure an alternate permanent placement for the child, one that is best suited to the child's needs. Our foster care program always strives to act in the best interests of the child and family.

We are blessed to be the recipient of proceeds from an upcoming golf outing hosted by a group of area credit unions. There is still time to sign up. Go to www.somichapter.org to find out more or find their event information [HERE](#).



2021 Charity Golf Outing

Southern Michigan Chapter of Credit Unions

Thursday, August 5, 2021

The Grande Golf Club, 1579 Floyd Ave, Jackson

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

Registration 9 am

Shotgun Start 10 am

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Volunteer Corner



JCCAC's Bike-A-Thon Update

With the help of many, we had a very successful virtual Bike-A-Thon event to support our JCCAC expansion project. Our volunteer riders and walkers did a great job encouraging support. Together, we were able to raise over \$18,000!

Thank you to all who made this possible.



Careers with CCJLHC

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.

Join us today!



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