

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNECTIONS - SPRING 2018

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Greetings!

Welcome to Catholic Charities Connections, sharing stories of ***Providing Help*** and ***Creating Hope*** for the people of our community. In this issue, we celebrate our volunteers during National Volunteer Month. From the office volunteers, who prepare forms and keep things running smoothly, to the dedicated drivers, who travel thousands of miles taking seniors to vital medical appointments, and to the diverse and talented Board of Directors, who oversee operations and help direct agency programs and services, volunteers serve at the very heart of our ministries.

Program Profiles

Catholic Charities Now Offers Caring Grief Support Services

Are you suffering from the loss of a loved one?
Or do you know anyone dealing with the
heartbreak of losing someone very special?
With the support of peers, in a safe,
welcoming environment, today could be manageable and tomorrow offers hope.



The A.D.A.M. Another Day, Another Memory Program, offering grief and loss support is now provided under the services of Catholic Charities. A.D.A.M. has been helping bereaved families since 2009. Groups are held for children (4 years of age and older), teens, and adults. There is no cost to attend.

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St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch Benefit: A Chance to Serve

Catholic Charities and an amazing volunteer team recently wrapped up a successful St. Patrick's Day box lunch benefit. Now in its 6th year, 1,600 lunches were prepared and delivered to recipients in Jackson and Lenawee Counties, raising \$13,800 to support the mission of Catholic Charities.

"April is National Volunteer Month and we salute our many volunteers who support us throughout the year," said Sr. Barb Quincey, O.P., a former teacher at Lumen Christi High School and current Catholic Charities board member, and originator of the St. Patrick's event fundraiser. "It's a lot of fun working with the volunteers on this project. So many of them return each year and that helps make everything run so



Board Secretary, Jean Kaisler (right) and the coleslaw crew

smoothly." Fellow board member Jean Kaisler organizes volunteers for this annual event.

More than 70 adults representing several Catholic parishes in Jackson and Adrian and other volunteers give their time to help pick up supplies; assemble corned-beef sandwiches; make coleslaw and cookies; and pack and deliver the box lunches to area businesses and individuals.



St. John's teacher Betsy Saunders (2nd from right) and 6th graders help fill lunch boxes

Young people also pitch in, with help from students from Lumen Christi and St. John's Elementary School, including 19 sixth graders. "We talk with our students about serving those in need," said Betsy Saunders, a sixth grade teacher in her fifth year at St. John's. "Working at this Catholic Charities' event is a concrete way for our students to follow Jesus by serving others." This is the third year that students from St. John's have helped out.

"I'm always looking for an opportunity for our classroom to provide service to the community. Every class has thoroughly enjoyed assisting with this project. When we talk about the services that Catholic Charities provides, the kids are that much more vested in their efforts. The leadership and teamwork my students put forth is heartwarming to see in action," adds Betsy.



Volunteer Leprechaun Colleen McNeal delivers lunches to JCISD (Jackson County Intermediate School District)

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Bags of Hope - Providing Essentials for Those in Need

The Not So Boring 4-H Club of Lenawee County helped to launch Catholic Charities' Bags of Hope program. Leader Penny Boring and club members used our *Bags of Hope* to shop for critically needed personal items for distribution through participating food pantries. They collected, sorted, and delivered over 100 items! Their donation helps people who come to the pantries by providing essentials, such as toilet paper, shampoo, soap, and deodorant. The 4-H'ers were happy to know their generosity will help others right in their own community to meet their physical needs while helping to maintain their dignity.

Thank you, *Not So Boring 4-H Club*, for your dedication to your "Hands to Larger Service" oath! You are impacting the lives of those around us.



To get involved and have your Lenawee or Hillsdale County service organization participate in *Bags of Hope*, contact Bea Cuthbertson, Development Coordinator, 517.879.0599, bcuthbertson@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org.

In Jackson County you can donate items to our *Personal Needs & Linen Closet*. The Closet began in the early 2000's, is 100% volunteer driven, and has been serving the community for 15 years.



Volunteer Couple Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

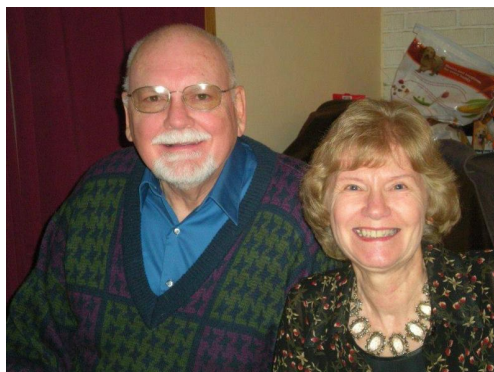
Congratulations to Chuck and Judy Camp, who celebrated 50 wonderful years of marriage recently!

What's their secret? Why volunteering of course. Those selfless acts of caring for others just carries over into everything they do, work, home, and community.

Chuck is a volunteer driver with our Senior Transportation Services and will come to help with office support, box lunches, fundraising events, you name it. Judy comes into the agency on a weekly basis helping in the office or with special projects and events as needed. Thank you Chuck and Judy for everything you do. Here's to many more years of happiness and service together!



Chuck and Judy Camp - then



and now

[Learn how you can volunteer with Catholic Charities](#)

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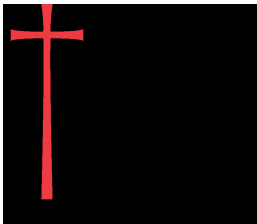
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Watch for our 2017 Annual Report

We will be sending our 2017 Annual Report next month, to share our accomplishments for the year, complete with Program results and highlights, agency financials, and donor recognition.

If you would like to receive a copy, contact Bea Cuthbertson, 517.879.0599, bcuthbertson@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org.

Go to www.CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org to learn all about our Programs and Services and the great work we do in carrying out our ***Mission to Share the Love of Christ by Performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.***




Thank you for taking the time to learn how we at Catholic Charities ***Provide Help*** and ***Create Hope*** for all who come to us in need regardless of faith or ability to pay. We couldn't do it without the help of all our wonderful volunteers who so generously give of their time to support our work.

Yours in Christ,

Sue Lewis
Executive Director

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