

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNECTIONS

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Greetings!

Happy Spring! The weather is warmer and the sun is shining. We have exciting things happening at Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee & Hillsdale Counties. In this issue of ***Catholic Charities Connections***, we share good news on our Box Lunch fundraiser, Foster Parent orientation opportunities, and much more. As always, we thank you for joining in our goal of ***Providing Help*** and ***Creating Hope*** for those we serve.

News and Updates

St. Patrick's Day Box Lunches a great success

Once again, our Box Lunch event was a success, because of YOUR involvement! Our faithful Sponsors, generous Partners, and countless volunteers made the lunches possible, and our donors made it our best Box Lunch event ever. **THANK YOU!**

Support our sponsors! You can view the 2019 Box Lunch insert with our Sponsor and Partners lists at our **Get Involved** page.

For more information on this event, check out the **Volunteer Corner** below!



Foster Parent Orientation Opportunities

We still have many orientation dates coming up for anyone interested in finding out more about the world of Foster Parenting. Click [HERE](#) to find the full list of dates. And remember, *if the dates and times below don't fit your schedule, feel free to contact us to set up a time that is right for you.*

"Comfort Quilts" needed for our Child Advocacy Centers

Are you a quilter, or know someone who is? We need your help! Last year, we started

offering handmade quilts to the children seen through our Child Advocacy Center in Lenawee County, and would like to expand to include the children seen at our location in Jackson County. However, this is a big number of quilts needed.

Did you know? In 2018, the Jackson County CAC provided forensic interviews to 347 children who were victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or witness to a violent crime. This represents an increase of 40% from the number of children seen at that location in 2017.



These beautiful quilts are offered to the children to take home with them after their interviews are completed, to let them know someone is thinking of them and cares about their journey to healing. They are typically lap sized quilts, made with love and donated by skilled volunteers. We have a few generous quilting groups and individuals who have made it possible so far, but we need more. If you are interested in helping out, contact Bea Cuthbertson, Development Coordinator at (517)879-0599 or by emailing bcuthbertson@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org.

WE'RE HIRING!

Catholic Charities is looking to fill numerous positions to meet the growing demand for our services. For a current listing of career opportunities, watch the [Careers](#) page on our website and check back often!

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Volunteer Corner

Our amazing troop of volunteers who help with our *St. Patrick's Day Box Lunches* truly make the event happen! A special THANK YOU to **Dee and Jerry Schell** from St. John's, who put in countless hours and effort to help us. From organizing, set up, and cookie baking, to storage and coordinating things at the facility for us, Dee and Jerry are our go-to people who seamlessly make it all work. And, a big thank you to St. John's Fr.

Chas Canoy for allowing us to use the facility at St. Joseph's Social Center year after year.

We'd also like to give a grateful 'shout out' to **Sr. Barb Quincey, OP**. Seen as the face of our agency to many in the Jackson area, Sr. Barb not only serves on our Board of Directors, but she also volunteers many hours for this event in particular. She collects orders, recruits and works with the volunteers, and pitches in to help however she can.

Again this year, we made and distributed 1,600 lunches. Did you see our time lapse video of the lunches being assembled? Check out the video on our Facebook page [here!](#)

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our efforts through volunteering, sponsoring, partnering with us to provide supplies, or purchasing lunches. Because of you, we had our most successful Box Lunch event to date! Your involvement helps us continue our work to *Provide Help* to our clients.



Dee from St. John's really makes our Box Lunches possible.



Sr. Barb does amazing work for our Box Lunches, from start to finish.



With **almost 400 volunteers hours**, this is not a small endeavor. Thanks to the roughly 100 Volunteers for making it all possible!



To find out how you can get involved as a volunteer, find out more on our [Get Involved](#) page on our website, or contact us at info@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org.

Upcoming

Register today!

As part of April's recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month, Catholic Charities is pleased to offer you a chance to hear nationally renowned speaker and awareness advocate, Jenna Quinn. This free event is open to the public.

Stand Against Child Abuse: Prevention Training

Brought to you by the Lenawee County Child Advocacy Center
Featuring Keynote Speaker Jenna Quinn of Jenna's Law

Topics Covered

- Facts about the problem of child sexual abuse
- The types of situations in which child sexual abuse may occur
- Simple, effective strategies for protecting children from child sexual abuse
- The importance of talking about the prevention of child sexual abuse and evidence-based training for students
- The signs of sexual abuse and how to react responsibly

What can I expect?

- New skills to prevent, recognize, and report child sexual abuse
- Proactive, positive input to change policies and procedures within our state.

To register, go to
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stand-against-child-abuse-prevention-mini-conference-tickets-58013768744?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

For questions contact
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Author of *Pure In Heart: A Memoir of Overcoming Abuse and Passing Jenna's Law*

Join Us: Friday April 26th 2019
from 9am-12pm

Location:
Adrian Armory Events Center
230 W. Maumee Street

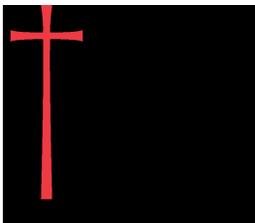
Jenna Quinn is a child sexual abuse survivor, author, TED speaker, and the namesake of *Jenna's Law*. In 2009, Jenna's Law was the first child sexual abuse prevention education law in the United States named after a survivor. It requires that each school district adopt and implement a prevention policy that educates students, teachers, and parents on how to recognize and report child sexual abuse. Now, over half the country has adopted legislation reflecting the principals of Jenna's Law. With a Masters Degree in Communications, she is a sought-after speaker who has traveled nationwide, educating and sharing her inspiring story with legislatures, law-enforcement, abuse-prevention groups, schools, communities of faith, nonprofit organizations, and the general public for over twelve years. She is the National Spokesperson for Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe and has participated in both local and national radio, television, and news programs, dedicating her life to preventing child sexual abuse through education and legislation.

www.JennaQuinn.org



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May God bless you with a joyous Easter season!

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