

# **CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNECTIONS SUMMER 2018**

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#### **Greetings!**

Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee & Hillsdale Counties welcomes you to the Summer 2018 Catholic Charities Connections. In this edition, we share program updates and highlight some of our wonderful volunteers who are helping us in our goal of *Providing Help* and *Creating Hope* for the people of our community. Enjoy!

## **News and Updates**

## 2017 Annual Report

#### We recently mailed our 2017 Annual Report.

Didn't get one in your mailbox? You can find it on our website, or stop by one of our offices to pick up a copy today. Our Annual Report includes agency highlights from 2017, including program information, financial summary, donors, and more.

#### **Read 2017 Annual Report Here**



#### Donations are always appreciated! Donate <u>HERE</u> to make a difference today!

Our Lenawee Foster Care & Adoption Program Has Moved! We have seen a tremendous growth in the need for services through our Foster Care & Adoption Program. With that growth comes growing pains, which led to a new location for our Lenawee Foster Care & Adoption staff. The new office is located on Maumee Street in downtown Adrian.

The staff worked tirelessly to make the move to their new location go smoothly and have service uninterrupted for clients.





Family visitation room

New location of our Foster Care & Adoption Services Program in Lenaw ee County

## **WE'RE HIRING!**

Catholic Charities is always looking for new staff to fill our open positions. For a current listing of career opportunities, watch the Careers page on our website and check back often!

CAREERS

## Volunteer Corner

Volunteers are always an important part of our work. We couldn't do all we do without the faithful support of so many wonderful people who give of themselves to help others. Thank you, Volunteers! You are appreciated!



The **Quaker Willing Workers 4-H Club** of Lenawee County helped provide muchneeded personal care items such as toilet paper, paper towel, shampoo, soap, and deodorant for those who are struggling in their community through Catholic Charities' Bags of Hope program. The families used our Bags of Hope to shop for items to be distributed through the Hudson Food Pantry and the St. Mary on the Lake Food Pantry. They collected, sorted, and delivered over 150 items!

The **Addison High School National Honor Society** posed a challenge to all the AHS students by holding a friendly competition for their *Bags of Hope* donations. Each classroom was asked to gather items and fill their bags. The classroom with the most donated items was treated by the National Honor Society to a pizza party! The generous donations from these students will be distributed through the food pantry at St. Mary on the Lake Parish in Manitou Beach.





The enthusiastic members of the **Hillsdale College Catholic Society** have undertaken the *Bags of Hope* program as an ongoing community service project! The items they collect are provided to the needy in Hillsdale County through the pantry at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Below, Catholic Charities' Board Member Chris Finch thanks the club's leaders for their commitment to their community.



To have your Lenawee or Hillsdale County

service organization participate in Bags of Hope, contact Bea Cuthbertson, Development Coordinator, 517.879.0599, <u>bcuthbertson@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org</u>.

In Jackson County, items are distributed through our *Personal Needs & Linen Closet*. The PN&LC is run completely by volunteers and all items are provided by donations. For more information on the PN&LC hours and location, <u>click here</u>.

## Upcoming



## Watch for information about our St. Teresa of Calcutta Society *"Faith in Action"* Fall Fundraiser!

Our Fall Fundraising Dinner Event is scheduled for **Thursday, September 13th**. You will learn how to put your *FAITH IN ACTION* by becoming a Society member and pledging your financial support of our work. With more humor inserted into the evening, this is sure to be a fun and informative event! Paired once again with Fr. Tim MacDonald, Fr. Joe Krupp will return with his wellknown comedic wit to emcee the event. They will inspire us to follow Christ's call to serve those in need by supporting Catholic Charities' work across our community.

For more information, call 517.879.0599 or email <u>bcuthbertson@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org</u>.

Go to www.CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org to learn more 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**. We encourage you to share our newsletter with your friends and family. And, follow us on **Facebook** for current news!

Yours in Christ,

Sue Lewis Executive Director

