



Catholic Charities Connections

May/June 2023

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Hello Bea,

Finally! The sunshine has melted the snow, warmth has replaced the cold, flowers and trees are blooming, and we are making plans for summer. Our renovation and expansion at the Jackson County Child Advocacy Center site is well underway and will be finished soon. We are making plans for our new fun event this summer. And, we're already planning for our fall Faith in Action dinner. Never a dull moment for our staff and volunteers.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Catholic Charities Connections*!

What's New?



New Name, Same Great Work

Over the next several months, you will start to see a transition in the name of our Child Advocacy Centers. They will officially become the Children's Advocacy Center of South Central Michigan, with a site in each of our three counties.

Find out more about our important work with abused children [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events

Catholic Charities' Zero K fundRACEing Event



We are excited to announce a new fundraising event on Friday evening, July 28th at St. Rita's parish! Our **Zero K fundRACEing Event** will be a fun evening of food and drink, music, raffles and awards. *(Please note that this is an *adults only* event.)* In the weeks leading up to the event, you will have the chance to show your support by participating in our online event,

"It's like a 5 K event, but without the running!"

engaging your network of family and friends to help support our work. The "winners" (our top fundraisers) of this *NO RUN, JUST FUN* event will be announced at the event. Find out more and watch [HERE](#) for new information!

Foster Parents Needed!

There is a great need right now for additional foster homes. **We will soon be hosting regional informational meetings at a parish near you, so watch your parish bulletin for dates and times.**

We still have some dates coming up for Foster Parent orientation. These informational meetings are free to attend and our staff will be able to answer your questions. Please share this information with others who may be interested in starting this important journey.

Foster Parent Orientation

We are always looking for new Foster Parents! Would you like to find out more? Here's your chance to get started...

Foster Parent Orientation is an informational meeting for prospective foster parents. It includes information on what foster care entails, the qualifications to become a foster parent, the services our agency offers, and what is needed to become a licensed home.

[Attending an orientation and becoming licensed is free!](#)

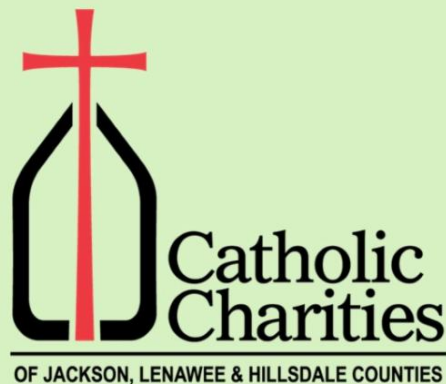
You will need to register before attending an orientation. Register by calling Veronica Bresnay, Foster Care Licensing Supervisor, at 517-740-1731

Please note: All orientations listed below are held at our Foster Care office at 425 Ormsby, Adrian MI 49221. To schedule an individual orientation, call 517-740-1731.

Upcoming orientation dates for 2023:

- May 8th @ 5:30 pm
- May 22nd @ 11 am
- June 5th @ 5:30 pm
- June 19th @ 11 am
- July 10th @ 5:30 pm
- July 24th @ 11 am
- July 22nd @ 5:30pm

Dates are subject to change.



Watch for our *2022 Annual Report* coming soon!

We are putting together our Annual Report, highlighting our program and financial statistics from last year. If you would like to receive a copy in the mail, send an email to our Development staff ([click here](#)) to provide your mailing address. The Annual Report is posted online each year, along with a full list of our donor names. Check our previous reports at CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org/about.

Make an Impact

Community Partners

We now have a new and exciting way for your company to show your support as a Community Partner. You could be showcased as a sponsor for any - or all - of our events, featured listings in our newsletters, social media, website, and more. This simplified connection brings a one-time ask for a full year of impact, providing your business with greater exposure and helping impact our community in a bigger way.

Sound interesting? Call Ken at [517.262.0466](tel:517.262.0466) for your packet of information.



Volunteer Corner

A Word of Thanks

Anyone who has seen our St. Patrick's Day box lunch project in action knows that we couldn't do it without the amazing support of our volunteers. We cannot fully express our gratitude for all you do to make this event a success. You are a blessing to our agency and our community!



Each sandwich is carefully crafted and



Coleslaw is handmade and delicious.

lunches are packed by our volunteers.



This year, we assembled over 1,000 lunches. That's a lot of YUM!

Staff, volunteers, and Board members helped with distribution, making for a smooth process and happy customers.



Thanks to everyone who purchased lunches! Your support helped us reach our fundraising goal.

Catholic Charities staff works hard before, during and after our events, making sure things run smoothly.

Want to get involved?

We are always looking for volunteers for a variety of programs. Here are a few:

- Enjoy yardwork or cleaning? We could use a hand with spring cleanup at all of our locations. Contact Kristen at [517.263.2191](tel:517.263.2191).
- We are looking for volunteers to help with our **Zero K fundRACEing Event**. Please contact Ken at [517.262.0466](tel:517.262.0466) to find out more.
- Are you a quilter? We are always looking for help with our **Comfort Quilts** project for our Child Advocacy Centers. Call Bea for information at [517.879.0599](tel:517.879.0599).
- Our **Senior Transportation** program needs drivers! Contact [Kristen](#) for more information.

Find other ways to help at www.catholiccharitiesjlhc.org/get-involved/.

Remembering Loved Ones

Are you remembering a mom in your life this Mother's Day? Have a dad you miss and want to honor this Father's Day? You can have your loved one's name included on our **butterfly memorial plaque wall**. With your donation, you can honor your loved one(s) while supporting ADAM, our grief and loss program.

Download the order form [here](#).



another day, **another memory**

Check out open positions on our [Careers](#) page here:

[Join our team!](#)

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Community Partners



When you become a **Community Partner** with us, this is the area your logo will appear in every email we send out for a full year. Don't miss your chance to show your support. Contact Ken at [517.262.0466](tel:517.262.0466) for more information today!



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