# **Catholic Charities**

# Connections

## July/August 2023

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Hello Bea,

It's almost here - our first ever Zero K fundRACEing event! Are you ready to join in the fun and make a difference? Below, you will find some information and helpful links to get you started. We are counting on YOU to make our event a success.

We have other exciting news and information to share, all highlighted below. We encourage you to follow us on our social media (links at the bottom of this newsletter). There, you'll find even more about what's happening at Catholic Charities.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Catholic Charities Connections!

## What's New?

#### 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 (<u>click here</u>) 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 <u>CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org/about</u>.

## 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, 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 <u>HERE</u> for new information!

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

Watch your inbox and our social media for reminders and details as the event approaches. We are counting on your help to make this a success!

### Volunteer Corner

#### An Update

Over the past few years, we have had individuals and groups of very talented quilters engage with us through our Comfort Quilts project. These beautiful quilts are distributed to the children referred to our Child Advocacy Centers for help, demonstrating to these young people that their community cares about them even when they are facing challenges. THANK YOU, QUILTERS! Because of you, we have provided **over 1,500** unique and wonderful quilts since we started this project in late 2018, each made with great care and love.



#### Volunteers Needed

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 <u>517.263.2191</u>.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with our **Zero K fundRACEing Event**. Please contact Ken at <u>517.782.2551</u> to find out more.
- Are you a quilter? We are always looking for help with out **Comfort Quilts** project for our Child Advocacy Centers. Call Bea for information at <u>517.879.0599</u>.
- Our **Senior Transportation** program needs drivers! Contact <u>Kristen</u> for more information.

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

#### 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 how we serve children who are victims of abuse <u>HERE</u>.

#### **Foster Parents Are 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.

Foster Parent orientation meetings are scheduled for:

July 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

August 14<sup>th</sup> 11am

August 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

These informational meetings are FREE to attend and held at our foster care office in Adrian. Our staff will be there to answer your questions every step of the way. Please share this information with others who may be interested in starting this important journey. Contact Veronica at <u>517.740.1731</u>.

Check out open positions on our Careers page here:

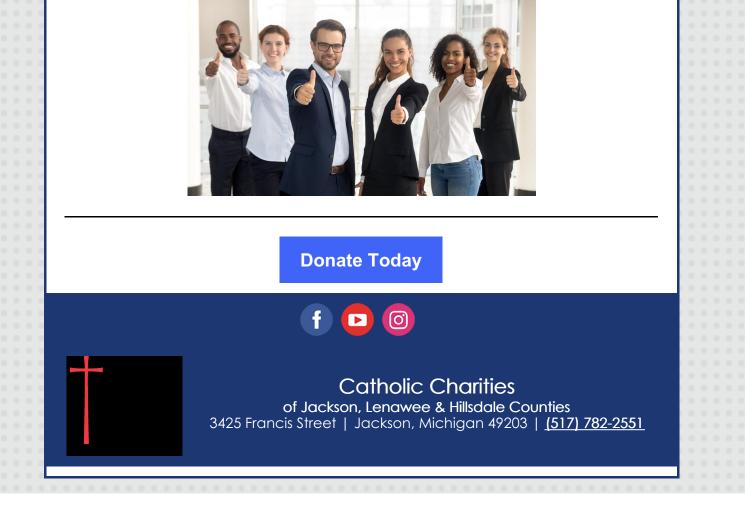
Join our team!



#### **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 <u>517.782.2551</u> for your packet of information.



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