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Hello Bea,

Happy New Year from Catholic Charities JLHC!

As we welcome 2024, we also embrace new goals and challenges. Our strategic planning team, made up of our Board of Directors and staff leadership, recently met to create an outline for the next four years. We set a series of goals, envisioning and guiding the future of our organization. We are excited to implement the plan, helping us continue carrying out our mission of serving our neighbors in need with love and respect.

As you read on, we hope you feel inspired by the impact we are making together in our community. Enjoy this first issue of *Catholic Charities Connections* for 2024!

Announcements

Thank you, donors!

We are immensely grateful for your generous support of Catholic Charities throughout 2023 and during our **Christmas appeal campaign**. We are pleased to report that we have exceeded our campaign goal of \$80,000!

You are truly the heart and soul of our mission, and we could not do this work without you. We pray that God blesses you and your loved ones with peace, health, and happiness in the new year.

Thank you for being part of our Catholic Charities family!

Tax Summaries Available

If you would like a summary of your 2023 donations for your tax preparation, please contact Bea at <u>517.879.0599</u> or email <u>development@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org</u>.



Foster Parents Needed

Fostering a child is a challenging, yet rewarding opportunity that impacts the lives of both the child and your family. Right now, we are in great need of additional loving homes to help us provide homes for the children in our care. If you have ever thought about fostering, now is your time to step forward!

At Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties, our foster care department is dedicated to recruiting, training, and licensing loving foster homes for children ages birth through 17 years. The children we serve have been removed from their biological homes by the courts because of abuse or neglect.

To learn more, contact our Child Welfare Director at <u>tventola@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org</u> or call us today at (517) 295-3334.



Learn more about fostering

Upcoming Events



It's almost time for our St. Patrick's Day Box Lunches!

Watch for announcements on our St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch project. Volunteer help will be needed in March to make this fundraiser a success. Email <u>Ken</u> or call <u>517.262.0466</u> to find out how to get involved.

Volunteer Corner

Board Treasurer Terry Sheehan

We wish to acknowledge the long-time service and dedication of our outgoing Board of Directors Treasurer, Terry Sheehan. His many years of service are appreciated and have shaped our agency in becoming the organization we are today.

In reflecting on Terry's involvement with Catholic Charities, our Executive Director, Sue Lewis, writes:

"Terry Sheehan joined the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Lenawee in 2001. At that time, Catholic Charities was in a serious financial state. As the board treasurer, Terry, along with the leadership of volunteer interim Executive Director Dave Maxwell, turned the business around and saved it from bankruptcy. During 2009, Terry played a pivotal role in the merge of the Lenawee agency with Catholic Charities of Jackson, finalizing that agreement in 2010. We will be forever grateful for his commitment and dedication in providing financial expertise and guidance in ensuring the viability of a strong organization with programs and services fulfilling the mission of Catholic Charities across our three counties."

Terry responds: "I...had the opportunity to see the organization reinvent itself from a fledgling, financially falling organization to one that is having tremendous positive impact across three counties...balancing "mission" and "margin". I wish the agency great success moving forward and am sure CC will continue to be a leader in our communities for years to come."

Without his support and generous gifts of time and talent, our agency would simply not be the same.

Thank you, Terry, for your dedicated service! You have been a tremendous blessing to us all.



Thank you, Terry! We appreciate your many years of service to Catholic Charities!



Are you ready to make a difference?

Catholic Charities has several exciting positions available. Did you know? You don't have to be Catholic to work with us. Check out open positions on our Careers page.

Join our team!

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