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Hello Catholic Charities,

Happy Easter! Yes, we are still in the Easter season according to the Church's calendar, so we continue to celebrate and reflect on the Lord's resurrection and all the blessings that entails.

Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations will be here before you know it. This is the perfect time to consider a memorial donation or to become a regular donor, making a greater, steady impact on all we do. Check out our section below about joining the ranks of <u>Catholic Charities Angels</u> with a recurring monthly gift (no matter the amount).

Enjoy this issue of Catholic Charities Connections!

What's New?



Grant Awards

Once again, our community steps up to help our work with children. A grant award from the Hillsdale Community Foundation V.C. and Velma Knight Memorial Fund will help support the work at our Hillsdale location of the Children's Advocacy Center of South Central Michigan. Thank you for making an impact for the children in our community.

The Jackson Community Foundation recently awarded us a grant for our work in children's mental health counseling. The grant comes through their Youth Council, which helps create the leaders of tomorrow.



Brazeway Believes

Our friends (and Board of Directors members) from Brazeway in Adrian give

back to their community through donations to local nonprofit organizations, improving the community and the lives of those in need each year. Through their employee giving campaign, *Brazeway Believes*, we are blessed to once again receive support.

Thank you, Brazeway employees and leadership team for making this gift possible!



Make a Difference

You may wonder how you can help make a difference... here are a few important ways you can get started.

Become a Foster Parent



You can make a difference in the life of a child by becoming a foster parent. They don't need you to be perfect - they just need you to care.

Wonder what it would be like? Watch our video testimony from one of our foster moms <u>here</u>.

More information can be found at https://catholiccharitiesjlhc.org/foster-care-adoption/

Angels Lend a Hand Every Month

Each month, a special group of people help us plan for the future and continue providing help through their monthly donation. These are our **Catholic Charities Angels**.

Angel gifts help us budget and plan for the future. You can join the dozens of others who make a difference by setting up your recurring monthly gift - in any amount - today. Simply select "monthly" from the frequency drop down menu and we will get you enrolled as an Angel. Get started HERE.

Need a hand setting up your Angels donation? Contact our Development Director Bea Cuthbertson at <u>517.879.0599</u> or email <u>development@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org</u>.



Other ways to help...

Snacks for kids

We like to offer snacks to the kids who come to us for counseling or other services. These are often provided by donors or volunteer groups who put together a collection drive. We ask that they be healthy, individually wrapped snack items (crackers, pretzels, fruit snacks, etc.).

Interested? Contact Bea at 517.879.0599.

Help fund Shane's work

Shane is working hard every day to help make kids comfortable when they come to our <u>Child Advocacy Center</u>. Would you be interested in supporting his care? A donation made with "Shane" in the comments will help offset the costs of food and medication he needs. If you know someone interested in sponsoring his work for a month (or the year), contact us at <u>517.879.0599</u> to find out more.

(right: Shane helps Children's Trauma Therapist Destini prepare for their next visitor)



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St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch Event

Thank you to all who made our 13th annual Box Lunch fundraising event a success! From our Sponsors and volunteers, to those who purchased lunches or gave a donation, we appreciate your support. With your help, we were able to raise over \$12,000 to help us provide hope for those in need.

Please consider our generous sponsors and partners when you are working (or playing) in our community. We couldn't do this without them!





What's next?

We have decided to forego a summer event for 2024, but are hard at work planning

our annual Faith in Action fundraising dinner. We have a great speaker lined up and are sure to inspire. Watch for details coming soon!

Volunteer Corner



Volunteer Spotlight

Our Volunteer Spotlight this issue is on Mr. Joel Buetler. Joel has been assisting us with much of our graphic design work over the past few years. As a very talented artist, he served our community for many years as an instructor for future graphic designers and now gives back with his unique set of skills.

Thank you, Joel, for all you do!

Volunteers Drivers Needed

Our **Senior Transportation** program in Jackson needs additional volunteer drivers. Details can be found on our website at www.catholiccharitiesjlhc.org/senior-transportation. Contact Kristen at 517.783.6102 to get started today!

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

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