

# Catholic Charities

## Connections

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Greetings Catholic Charities,

For some, it seems like things slow down a bit during the summer months. Kids are out of school and sleeping longer hours, vacations are capturing our imagination, and extended daylight hours mean evenings spent with friends. Ah, the beauty of summer!

For others, life isn't quite so simple. At Catholic Charities, we strive to be here day after day whenever they need us. When you are thanking God for your blessings, don't forget to ask how He wants to use your gifts and talents. You can be part of our mission in little ways - or big ways - by volunteering, donating, or becoming a foster parent.

We have a lot happening this summer. Read on to find out more in this issue of *Catholic Charities Connections!*

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## Annual Report

*Our 2023 Annual Report is on its way!*

Each year, our Annual Report provides an overview of our finances, highlights achievements from the year, and gives a glimpse to what goes on across our three counties.

Watch your mailbox for your copy, or [contact us](#) to have one mailed. It can also be downloaded from our website [HERE](#).

Because we are so blessed by the generosity of our community, we are not able to include the names of all our donors in the report. However, our full list of donors for 2023 is found on our website [HERE](#). We hope to see



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**Creating Hope.**

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## A Note of Thanks

### *Grant Awards*

A recent grant award from the **Hillsdale Community Foundation** will help fund our counseling work for Hillsdale County clients.

The **Lenawee Community Foundation** has awarded us a grant through the Lenawee Cares program to help children in our care.

We are grateful for all of our community partners who continue to step up and make our work possible.



**Hillsdale County**  
community foundation<sup>SM</sup>



## Story Time

We would like to share a story with you... a story of love, hope, and generosity.



## Life's Most Meaningful Gifts

So often the most meaningful gifts in life are unexpected.

In 1970, Mark and Doris Bauer adopted a very special baby girl through Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County (CSSW), one of our sister agencies in the Diocese of Lansing. They named her Ann. The Bauers were told that Ann would probably survive only one to three months due to her significant physical and likely mental disabilities. They were not deterred and enveloped Ann with love and care. Doris called Ann her 'Little Angel', a gift from God who was a true blessing and never a burden to their family.

[Read More...](#)

Legacy Giving

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## Child Advocacy Center News

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### Stepping Up to Make a Difference

Our staff is continuously working to identify additional ways we can help children. Recently, the staff at our Children's Advocacy Center of South Central Michigan (CACSCMI) recognized a need and found community members to help meet that need. Their new **Crisis Coping Boxes** are designed to help our young clients manage stress, refocus and move forward. The boxes contain a variety of items specially selected by our professional staff and made possible through the generosity of several community members, including Lenawee Great Start.



## Ways to Help

### Become a Foster Parent

Maybe it's YOU. Maybe it's a FAMILY member. Maybe it's a FRIEND. We all know someone who has thought about fostering or who would love to change just one child's world.



Foster children don't need you to be perfect - they just need you to care.

We walk you through the process and continue to be there for you on your parenting journey.

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



### Are you an Angel?

Each month, our **Catholic Charities Angels** make a big difference. These monthly donors help us provide care all year. Large or small, YOUR gift matters. Get started [HERE](#).

Need a hand setting up your Angels donation? Contact us at [517.879.0599](tel:517.879.0599) or email [development@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org](mailto:development@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org).

## 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](tel:517.879.0599).

## Volunteer Corner



About Dan, Kristen Gottschalk, Senior Transportation Coordinator says:

*"Each of our volunteer drivers is exceptional and are a valued asset to our transportation services. Dan Bishop is one of those amazing individuals who gives his time to our clients. Dan finds time to volunteer, spend time with family and serve as an active member of our Board. Our program could not function without him and our other selfless volunteers."*

### Volunteer Spotlight

It seems that everyone in and around Jackson County knows our Spotlight Volunteer for this issue. Mr. Dan Bishop has been a key volunteer for Catholic Charities for many years and serves in various capacities. As President of our Board of Directors, Dan ensures our work continues and that things run as smoothly as possible. He is engaged with our Development Committee and volunteers for various tasks when events are held, from greeting guests, or making sandwiches, to hauling supplies, and any 'odd jobs' he can.

For many years, Dan has been a key volunteer driver for our **Senior Transportation** program, helping Jackson area seniors safely get to and from their critical medical appointments.

We cannot say **THANK YOU** quite enough for Dan's commitment to our agency. We are blessed to have you on our side.

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Our **Senior Transportation** program in Jackson needs additional volunteer drivers. Go to our **website** or call **517.783.6102** to find out more or get started today!

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