

Catholic Charities

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Hello Catholic Charities,

What do you think? Are we done with the snow yet? After last winter's mild season, this one has been a bit challenging for many. Hang in there though - Lent is upon us and Easter will be here before you know it.

We have a lot going on at Catholic Charities - as always! A few highlights are included in this edition, including an introduction to our new Board of Directors President, Eric Bauer.

Don't miss out on our St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch event! We have just a few days left to place orders. It's a delicious way to make a difference. Find all the details below.

Think Spring!



Pray for the Holy Father Pope Francis

Please remember to keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he remains hospitalized with pneumonia.

Box Lunches Are Here!

You can make a (delicious) difference with our box lunches!



We all know that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the 17th of March. But, we are celebrating a few days early to help you get in the mood.

Whether you become a sponsor for our event, volunteer to help make lunches, or simply purchase our tasty lunches for yourself and others, you are helping. Each year, we assemble and distribute roughly

DATES TO REMEMBER:

*Sponsor deadline (to be included in printed materials) is **March 1st.**

*Submit your lunch order by **March 6th.**

*Volunteers are needed **March 12-13th.**

1,000 lunches as a fun way to help raise awareness of our work and funds to support our agency.

Click on the image or button below to get started. Questions? Call us at **517.262.0466.**



Volunteer to Help

**ORDER YOUR
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
BOX LUNCH
TODAY!**

Catholic Charities
OF JACKSON, LENAWE & HILLSDALE COUNTIES



Dan Bishop (Board member) and Brian Craft (Fund Development Coordinator) recently appeared on the Bart Hawley Show to promote our Box Lunch event. Watch the replay [here](#).

(pictured left are Karen Hawley, Dan Bishop and Brian Craft)

Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see what else is happening and to watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities.



Jubilee Year of Hope Indulgence

Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year of Hope on Christmas Eve 2024. A jubilee year is a special year celebrating God's mercy, reconciliation, conversion of heart, and especially hope. As part of this special year, the Church grants indulgences, which remove the temporal punishment due to sin that has already been forgiven. One can receive a plenary indulgence this Jubilee Year many ways, including through [works of mercy and penance](#) (in addition to the usual conditions). Pope Francis explains further here:

"The Jubilee Plenary Indulgence can also be obtained through initiatives that put into practice, in a concrete and generous way, the spirit of penance which is, in a sense, the soul of the Jubilee. In particular the penitential nature of Friday can be rediscovered through abstaining, in a spirit of penance, at least for one day of the week from futile distractions (real but also virtual distractions, for example, the use of the media and/or social networks), from superfluous consumption (for example by fasting or practicing abstinence according to the general norms of the Church and the indications of the Bishops), [as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting works of a religious or](#)

social nature, especially in support of the defense and protection of life in all its phases, but also by supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries "who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families" (*Spes non confundit*, 13); it can also be obtained by dedicating a reasonable portion of one's free time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community or to other similar forms of personal commitment."

Give to
Catholic
Charities

In living out the Jubilee Year this year, consider supporting the works of Catholic Charities, especially when obtaining the plenary indulgence. Our mission is to share the love of Christ by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

You can learn more about the Jubilee Year from the Diocese of Lansing or the Vatican.

We Are Hiring

We are currently seeking qualified candidates for several positions within our agency. You will find the job postings on our Careers page and on our Indeed profile.

Careers

Board of Directors Highlight

Eric Bauer

Beginning this year, we have a new President of our Board of Directors.

Mr. Eric Bauer stepped up to forge the way as we continue to serve those in need across our region.

We asked Eric for his thoughts on his involvement with Catholic Charities. He responds:

"My greatest desire is to spend eternity as a new creation in the complete love of God and I want as many people as possible to achieve the same. As a father of 5 and Grandfather of 10 (so far) I look at society today and am concerned that this and future generations are becoming too focused on distractions. Additionally, people



face so many challenges today. The needs are many but the labors are few. A personal relationship with Jesus is critical to this goal..."

Read on...

Eric Bauer has been a member of our Board since 2021 and became President this year.

Help Even Bigger

You Are Needed

Are you being called by God to serve as a foster parent? Maybe you know someone who would be perfect for this role. We are always in need of new homes for kids in our area.

If you have questions or just want more information, call us at **517.740.1731** or go to our [website](#).

Get started on your fostering journey today!



Call Now



Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Our **Senior Transportation Program** helps Jackson area seniors get to their important medical appointments. This program is “driven” by our amazing volunteer drivers, logging thousands of miles to help dozens of seniors make it to their appointments each year.



Want to get involved as a volunteer?

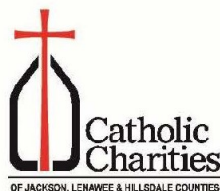
We invite you to use your life experience and skills to become a volunteer driver. To get started email transportation@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org or call (517)783-6102. You can make a difference!

Find out more at www.CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org/senior-transportation.

(517) 782-2551 – Jackson

(517) 263-2191 – Lenawee & Hillsdale

Providing Help. Creating Hope.



Get started on this rewarding journey by calling **517.783.6102**.

Make a Difference

We often get questions about how to get involved and help with the work we do. Here are some concrete suggestions.

YOU CAN:

- *Pray for us - for our clients, our staff, our Board and our work.*
- *Seriously consider taking in a child who needs a home. Our Child Welfare department needs home desperately to accommodate the children in need. (see article above)*
- *Sign up to become a volunteer driver with our Senior Transportation program. We have had drivers retire and we struggle to meet the needs in Jackson County.*
- *Let us know you want to **volunteer** and how you can help. Email development@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org to start a conversation or provide you information.*
- *Designate a donation to a particular program or service.*
- *Donate as a way to honor or remember a loved one. Simply list "in memory of" or "in honor of" with your loved one's name when you donate.*
- *Leave a lasting legacy through planned giving to make a bigger impact.*
- *Become a Catholic Charities Angel with a monthly donation in any amount.*
- *Join or St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Society with your pledge of dedicated support.*

Contact our Development Director, Bea Cuthbertson at **517.879.0599** or

Development@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org to discuss your giving options.

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