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Greetings!

This season has been a busy one here at Catholic Charities (as most are!). I'd like to begin by acknowledging all of you and sharing my hope that you had a joyful and blessed Easter (with plenty of Peeps and chocolate bunnies). It truly was a beautiful day.

I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to those who kept us in mind during Lent through your almsgiving. We saw an increase in donations during this time, and we are deeply grateful for your generosity and support.

During the month of April we also had several activities related to Child Abuse Prevention Month that were shared with staff and clients. One of these activities was an Open House for our Children's Trauma Assessment Center held on April 29th. It was a joy to welcome so many visitors into our space to learn more about this important work. We are grateful to offer such a vital service to our community, and we thank those of you who help sustain it through your financial support.

In addition, our Children's Advocacy Center went to Lansing to visit with other CACs and lawmakers. Two of our staff members had the opportunity to meet with State Senator Joe Bellino, who showed great interest in our program and even visited our Adrian CAC the following week. We are thankful for his support and advocacy on behalf of the children and families we serve.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events planned for the coming months, including a summer peer-to-peer fundraiser. Calling all "Challengers"! More details will be shared soon, but if you know someone with a competitive spirit, this is an opportunity they won't want to miss.

During the month of May, we are called to recognize and bring awareness to two very important realities: the urgent need for compassionate foster parents and the critical importance of mental health for all. Consider becoming a foster parent or share with a couple you know who may be a great fit for this calling. Wear green to support Mental Health Awareness and fight to stop the stigma. We hope to see some of you at the Greg Adam eRace Stigma 5k in Adrian on May 17th. A few of our foster care workers and therapists will be participating!

I'll close with a reflection from Gospel of John 14:2: *"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."* This verse is a meaningful reminder of the work we do each day. We

are grateful to be able to provide a place of support, care, and hope for those we serve... reflecting, in our own small way, that sense of welcome and belonging.

Yours in faith and service,

Niki Wilson

Executive Director

Raising Awareness for Child Abuse Prevention

April was Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Throughout the month our children's counseling staff offered helpful resources and fun activities for families. For CAP Month we also decorated our offices in Jackson and Adrian with blue pinwheels, the symbol of child abuse prevention and awareness. Our staff wore blue to raise awareness and even had special shirts made!

Our CAC staff participated in many events to raise awareness throughout the month. This included a pinwheel ceremony for the Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in Jackson and CAC Advocacy Day at the state capitol in Lansing.

For CAC Advocacy Day, our CAC staff joined CACs from around the state to speak with lawmakers about the vital work we do to serve children and protect communities. State Senator Joe Bellino, who represents Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties, took time to meet with us.

Although the month of April is over, the fight to prevent child abuse and raise awareness continues.





CTAC Open House

We recently hosted an open house at our children's Trauma Assessment Center (CTAC) in Adrian, and we are so grateful for the wonderful turnout from our community.

Please take a moment to video the document below and learn more about what the CTAC is and the important work we do to support children and families in Lenawee County.

[Click here to view our CTAC Open House Presentation!](#)

We are incredibly thankful for our donors - your support makes it possible for this vital service to continue and grow right here in our community. 💙 - Erin Abbott, Clinical Manager



Jackson Give\$ Campaign

Show your support for Catholic Charities by participating in the Jackson Community Foundation's day of giving called **Jackson Give\$** on May 13th.

Jackson Give\$ is a 24-hour marathon of generosity. Catholic Charities is one of over 20 local nonprofit agencies that hold an endowment fund at the Jackson Community Foundation.

There is already \$50,000 in matching dollars for this special day of giving, so your gift will go further in helping to provide help and create hope.

Click [here](#) to learn more.



Summer Event

Looking ahead to the summer, we have a peer-to-peer fundraiser in the works called "Choose Your Challenge"! Select any activity and build a campaign to support Catholic Charities. During the month of July raise funds and awareness for our services related to children. Get your friends and family to join the fun! We will celebrate all "Challengers" at a family-friendly event in August.

More details will be shared soon, but if you know someone with a competitive spirit, this is an opportunity they won't want to miss!



Making A Difference is Easy!

Ever considered a [monthly donation](#)? Maybe starting a [peer-to-peer fundraiser](#) to get your network involved is your thing. How about a [planned gift](#) through your estate? There are so many ways you can make a difference for our community.

Contact our Development staff to find out how you can help. Email Development@CatholicCharitiesJLH.org or call [517-260-0718](tel:517-260-0718).



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. At Catholic Charities we offer a number of mental health resources including our counseling and therapy services. We are here to provide help!

Together we can raise awareness, reduce stigma, and create hope. Learn more about our mental health services [here](#).



MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH



Join Our Team

Careers

We are always looking for amazing people to join our team. Current openings can be viewed by clicking the Careers button to the left. They are also posted on [Indeed](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Share our listings to help us spread the word!



WE'RE HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM



CHILDREN'S TRAUMA THERAPIST

Required Education: Master's Degree in Social Work, Psychology, or Professional Counseling. Must be licensed (full or limited) in the state of Michigan

Locations: Hillsdale & Jackson

OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST

Required Education: Master's Degree in Social Work, Psychology, or Professional Counseling. Must be licensed (full or limited) in the state of Michigan

Locations: Jackson & Hillsdale

PRISON-BASED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER COUNSELOR

Required Education: Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Counseling, Criminal Justice, or related field. Possession of CADC preferred.

Locations: Muskegon & Ionia MDOC Facilities

FOSTER CARE CASE MANAGER

Required Education: Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, or Counseling. Must possess valid driver's license. CWTI certified or ability to attain certification.

Locations: Home-base in Adrian; travel to all three serviced counties

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Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see what is happening and to watch for upcoming **volunteer opportunities**. We appreciate your support!



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