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Greetings!

Summer is FULLY here. This week has been brutal but this heat doesn't slow us down!

We hope that you have been able to enjoy summer and that kids are happy to be on break! Mine are very excited to attend Vacation Bible School - this will be the first year for both of them attending which is very special. I am thankful they are close in age and can enjoy so much of childhood together.

You will see directly below this message information about our summer fundraiser. Please consider joining in the fun! I set my page up last night... the hardest part was coming up with my challenge! What I landed on was: Analog Summer. This means no screens while at home so I can be more present with my kids, my husband, and the real world around me. It's summer - time to enjoy!

Stay cool, trust in Jesus, and I hope to see you August 1st!

Yours in faith and service,

Niki Wilson

Executive Director

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We're Off and Running on Our Challenge Event

JULY IS HERE! That means it's time to **start YOUR challenge!** Simply go to our **event page** and click the 'start fundraising' button. First time users will create an account, giving you links to share your campaign with your family and friends, on social media, or via email or text. You can commit to a run, walk, jump rope, dance, swim, bike... or anything you'd like! Maybe it's just to raise funds for the kids we serve, that's great, too. Want to see what others are doing? Check back on the **page** and scroll down to watch the competition all month. Be creative with your challenge and you may just win a prize! :^)

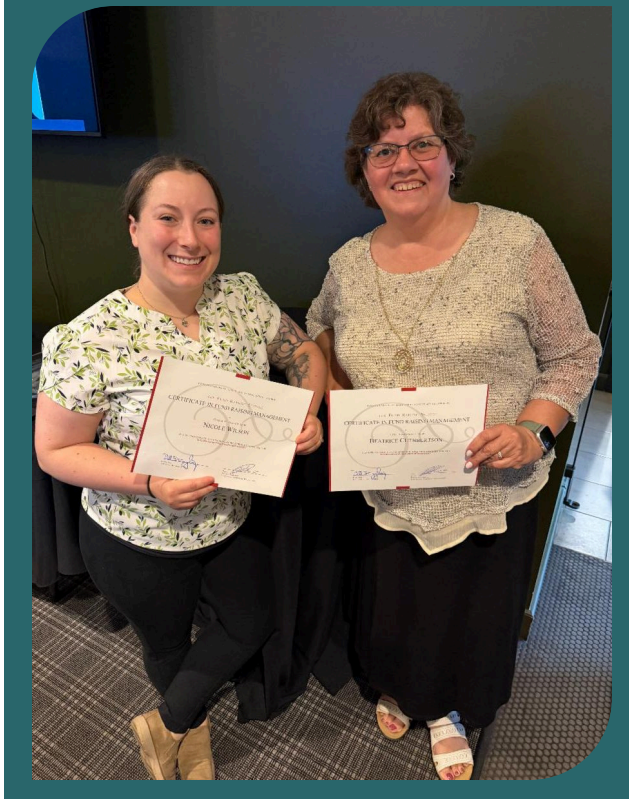
This peer-to-peer fundraiser will run for the whole month of July. Your efforts help raise much-needed funding and awareness for our services related to children. Get your friends and family to join the fun by starting their own challenge and make a bigger impact! We will celebrate all "Challengers" at a family-friendly event on August 1st at St. Rita's parish in Clarklake, beginning at 5:30 (after 4:30 pm mass).

Even if you didn't participate in a challenge, you can give online [HERE](#) or come to our celebration on August 1st where we will have raffles, awards, live music, food trucks, and yard games.



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Leaders Receive CFRM Recognition



Over the past several months, Executive Director Niki Wilson and Development Director Bea Cuthbertson received specialized training which culminated in their receiving Certification of Fund Raising Management (CFRM) designation. [The Lilly School of Philanthropy](#) training, which is part of Indiana University, was provided through a generous grant from a local funder.

Segments included fundraising principals, major gifts, annual sustainability, and capital campaigns. Each segment also included a portion on ethical fundraising.



Staff Updates

Our **Fund Development Coordinator Brian Craft** has departed to return to his studies at seminary. Please keep Brian in your prayers as he follows God's call to service of the Church.

We welcome **Austin See** to the role of Coordinator. Austin comes with a great deal of community networking experience across the region, particularly in Lenawee County. Want to meet with Austin to talk about ways you can make a difference? Contact him at [\(517\)262-0466](tel:5172620466) or asee@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org.

Meet Our New Board Treasurer

We welcome our new Board of Directors' Treasurer, Thomas Dumont!

Tom has stepped up to serve our agency and our community in an important way. Keep reading to learn more about Tom.

Tom has 26 years of commercial banking experience, currently in a leadership role as Senior Vice President, Commercial Lending Manager at Chelsea State Bank since 2021. Previously, he spent eight years with Huntington National Bank in Jackson as Vice President, Senior Relationship Manager in Business Banking with his most recent position as Community President, Jackson County.

Tom began his banking career as a Credit Analyst in the Credit Development Program with NBD/Chase Bank in the Southeast Michigan market and soon moved into

commercial lending as Assistant Vice President, Business Banking Relationship Manager in the Detroit and Lansing areas.



He then worked for Citizen's Bank (now Huntington Bank) in Jackson as an Assistant Vice President, Commercial Banking Relationship Manager and Vice President, Special Loans Officer in Commercial Banking. Tom then moved to Fifth Third Bank in Jackson as a Vice President, Relationship Manager in their Business Banking Group.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Tom received his Bachelor of Arts in Finance from the Eli Broad School of Business. He is currently serving as trustee of the St. John Elementary School Endowment Trust (5 years), treasurer and co-manager for Lumen Christi High School Varsity Hockey team (6 years), and volunteers on grounds committee for Jackson Lumen Christi High School. He previously served for 10 years as a Trustee on their Lumen Christi Endowment. He also continues to serve as a Junior Achievement classroom volunteer at Middle School at Parkside in Jackson where he has served 10+ years.

Tom, his wife Allison, and three children reside in Jackson. They are parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Parish, and their three children are recent graduates of Lumen Christi High School (2023, 2025, and 2026).

Help Support Our Roadmap Graduates

We are thrilled to celebrate two students as they graduate from high school and begin their college journeys this fall! Their hard work, perseverance, and determination have led to this exciting milestone, and we couldn't be prouder.

To help them prepare for this next chapter, we've created college wish lists filled with dorm and school essentials. If you'd like to support these deserving young adults, simply select an item from the links below, and it will be shipped directly to our Lenawee Main Office.



[Wish list for Graduating Senior 1 \(Young Lady\)](#)

[Wish list for Graduating Senior 2 \(Young Man\)](#)

Prefer to make a monetary donation? Visit our Donations page and designate your gift to "2026 Roadmap Gifts" in the comments section. Donations will be used to purchase remaining wish list items or gift cards for the students.
Thank you for helping us celebrate and support these students as they take this exciting next step!

What is Roadmap to Graduation?

Our Roadmap to Graduation program helps provide a safe, stable environment by matching unaccompanied youth who are juniors or seniors in high school with mentor families in the community. The students we serve are on track to graduate, but face significant stressors in their home environment, making it difficult to focus or even get to school.

These students leave their homes for a variety of reasons, including personal safety. Oftentimes, they end up couch surfing or living on the street while they try to navigate school and life as a teen. That is where the Roadmap to Graduation Program comes in.

Join Our Team

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!

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