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THE NEWSLETTER OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ASKS DONORS TO WARM UP WINTER FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

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As temperatures start to decline, Catholic Charities is preparing to *Warm Up Winter* once again for our most vulnerable neighbors by accepting donations of new and "gently used" blankets and other bedding, towels, pillows, as well as coats, hats, and gloves at each of our office locations throughout November, December and January.

Richelle Vible, Executive Director, asks people to be generous. "Please share God's love during this holiday season with those who seek life's basic necessities, like warm bedding and clothing. With your support, Catholic Charities will continue working to meet the most basic needs of our neighbors who are struggling in today's difficult economy."

Catholic Charities will distribute donated goods through our food distribution programs at Bayard House in Wilmington, Casa San Francisco in Milton, and Seton Center in Princess Anne, as well as through our voucher programs at the Seton Center and Wilmington Thrift Centers.



All donated blankets and bedding, coats, and other clothing items should be clean, in good condition, and ready to use. Merchandise not fit for distribution must be discarded at Catholic Charities expense.

Donors can bring their coats and blankets to any of the following Catholic Charities locations and receive a tax deduction receipt:

Main Office
2601 W 4th Street
Wilmington 19805
302-655-9624

Bayard House
300 Bayard Avenue
Wilmington 19805
302-654-1184

Thrift Store
1320 E. 23rd Street
Wilmington 19802
302-764-2717

Marydale Retirement Village
135 Jeandell Drive
Newark 19713
302-368-2784

Kent County Office
1155 Walker Road
Dover 19904
302-674-1600

Sussex County Office
406 S. Bedford Ave Ste 9
Georgetown 19947
302-856-9578

Casa San Francisco
127 Broad Street
Milford 19968
302-684-8694

Seton Center
30632 Hampden Avenue
Princess Anne 21853
410-651-9608

Staff at all locations will accept donations between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Wilmington Thrift Center will accept donations on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Wilmington and Seton Center Thrift Centers also accept other clothing donations, and the Wilmington Thrift Center accepts furniture and appliance donations.

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Visit our website:
www.cdow.org/charities.html



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Richelle A. Vible



Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

The beauty of the Christmas story is its simplicity. A poor, peasant couple, away from home and family, deliver their first child alone in a stable. Doesn't sound like the start of a grand story, does it?

Yet this child changed the world!

God did not choose rulers or the rich to achieve His mission. He chose simple people to do His work.

Today, God still chooses ordinary individuals to do extraordinary things.

I'm asking you today to do an extraordinary thing for your neighbors - **give to Catholic Charities**. In the past year, we have seen record numbers of the most vulnerable in our communities needing help — help with life's basic necessities like food, clothing, and a secure roof over their heads; help with problems like depression, rage, anxiety, or substance abuse; help in creating or restoring a family that they can love. Through your generosity, we have been able to help many — but there are so many more who need our help.

Do the extraordinary. Help meet someone's need.

- \$1,000 keeps a family struggling to live on unemployment benefits secure in their home
- \$500 provides classes for one person learning to live in an intimate relationship without abuse
- \$375 makes available 5 hours of counseling for an under-insured client suffering from depression
- \$150 supplies a new mother with a baby layette including clothing, bedding, and bathing supplies
- \$75 buys one food package for a family enrolled in a Catholic Charities' food cooperative
- \$25 helps a newly employed worker to buy a tank of gas so they can travel to and from the job

Your gift, no matter what size, helps meet someone's need.

You can choose to designate your gift to a specific ministry, or to give where the need is greatest. Give online at <https://www.cdow.org/ccdonation.html>, or donate by sending a check to Catholic Charities, 2601 W 4th Street, Wilmington DE 19805.

May the blessings of the newborn Savior be with you this Christmas and throughout the coming New Year.

A LOOK BACK ON 180 YEARS OF SERVICE

During our anniversary celebration, we discovered some great photos of the impact Catholic Charities has had in the Diocese.

Here's a look at our past as we plan for the next 180 years!



Care for children was the focus of our first 100+ years of service. Some scenes from Seton Villa (left) and the Children's Home (right and below.)



Here is the Foster family, the first family united through adoption in Kent County, proudly posing on the Dover office porch on Bradford Street. Mom Kate holds the newest Foster member, daughter Tessa, while keeping an eye on son Mark. Thanks to Mrs. Foster for sharing.



The modern period of Catholic Charities history began when Father Thomas J. Reese, a trained social worker, became the fourth director of the Catholic Welfare Guild in 1956. Under his watch, Catholic Charities grew from an agency that handled foster care, adoption and some financial assistance, to include family, individual, marital, and pregnancy counseling, large scale emergency financial assistance, aid to refugees, and group home care.



Ana Maria Keane

BILINGUAL THERAPIST JOINS COUNSELING STAFF

Therapist Ana Maria Keane recently joined Catholic Charities Counseling Services staff in New Castle County.

Richelle A. Vible, Executive Director, said, "Ana Maria is a welcome addition to our Counseling staff. She is passionate about working with Hispanics living in the United States and their families, and committed to fostering their well-being. We will certainly benefit from her experiences in working with the Hispanic community, and are pleased to be able to provide a new resource for our Spanish-speaking neighbors."

Ms. Keane comes to Wilmington from Catholic Charities in Raleigh NC. At her previous position, Ms. Keane worked primarily with Spanish-speaking clients, providing psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and families.

In addition, she has worked with survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse in Louisville, KY, and served as a consultant for employers in cultural diversity. Ms. Keane also has extensive experience in working with individuals affected by trauma.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADDS FOUR MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Catholic Charities Inc. has elected four new individuals to serve on its Board of Directors: Julie Hester, Rich Kolodgie, Ryan Newell, and Fr. Hilary Rodgers.

Ms. Hester is President and Chief Executive Office of St. Francis Healthcare Services in Wilmington on, the largest Catholic healthcare system on the East Coast. Prior to her 2009 appointment to St. Francis, she served in various management positions at a number of Pennsylvania hospitals. Ms. Hester will serve on the Services and Facilities Committee of Catholic Charities' board.

Mr. Kolodgie is the Customer Relationship Manager for CBI Group, the leading staffing and recruiting, and HR consulting company in Delaware. Mr. Kolodgie is Past President of the Caesar Rodney Rotary Club of Wilmington; and former long-standing member of the Finance Council of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Mr. Kolodgie will serve on the Board's Development Committee.

Mr. Newell is an associate in the Business Law Group of Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP. In addition, he is a member of the St. Thomas More Society and the Notre Dame Club of both Delaware and Philadelphia. Mr. Newell will serve the Board on its Development Committee.

Fr. Rodgers is parish administrator of St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish in Ridgeley, Maryland. Previously a religious brother for 35 years, Fr. Rodgers was ordained to the priesthood in 2004. Throughout his religious life, he has carried out multiple ministries, and served as the first director of House of Joseph, a program for homeless employable men in Wilmington.



Julie Hester



Rich Kolodgie



Ryan Newell

BANK OF AMERICA GIVES \$25,000 TO BAYARD HOUSE

Funding to help with program operation

Catholic Charities has received \$25,000 in a grant from Bank of America to assist in the operation of Bayard House, a residential maternity home for teens and young women.

Bayard House is the only licensed residential program in Delaware providing direct client care service twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to at-risk, homeless, and pregnant or newly parenting adolescents, women, and their babies.

Richelle Vible, Executive Director, said, "We sincerely thank Bank of America for their support of Bayard House. This grant will help us to provide our mothers-to-be and new moms with appropriate prenatal care and access to the tools they need to live independent, self-sufficient lives once their babies are born."

Bayard House addresses several issues that threaten the

health and welfare of young mothers and their children: homelessness, low-birth weight babies and infant mortality, and education to become contributing members of society and responsible, caring parents.

The program has three phases. The Residential Program allows expecting moms to await the birth of their baby in a homelike setting while receiving appropriate prenatal care. Recently delivered mothers can ask to enroll in the Moms and Babies program, where the new mother and her child continue to live at Bayard House while mom completes necessary skill building to become independent. The Aftercare program supports mother and child with financial assistance and emotional encouragement when they leave Bayard House and move into transitional housing.

Since its inception, Bayard House has celebrated the birth of over



NAA TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE FOR 2010

Qualified donations earn 50% Delaware credit

Tax credits are available for donors who make substantial donations to two of Catholic Charities programs.

Donations to either the Crisis Alleviation/Basic Needs program or to Casa San Francisco, our homeless shelter in Milton, Delaware, can earn tax credits equal to 50% of the donation.

Individuals and business that pay Delaware taxes can benefit from the Delaware State Housing Authority's Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program. By contributing to eligible programs, the taxpayers can reduce their tax liability and provide assistance to low- and moderate-income communities.

Individual contributions must be equal to or greater than \$5,000. For businesses, the minimum amount is \$10,000.

If you would like to contribute and receive the tax credit, contact Paula Savini at Catholic Charities, 302.655.9624.

You can also contact Delaware State Housing Authority's Public Information Office, at 302.739.4263.

DAYS OF CARING AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Two of Catholic Charities' locations, Thrift Center in Northeast Wilmington and Marydale Retirement Village in Newark, received some tender loving care as a result of the Days of Caring effort coordinated by United Way of Delaware.

A group of DuPont 14 employees spent two days at the Thrift Center, sorting and hanging clothes and doing some grounds maintenance. At Marydale, 22 AstraZeneca volunteers helped to clean apartments.

Our thanks to one and all for jobs well done!





Volunteers, players, and Catholic Charities employees help collect the large quantity of donations received at November's CYM Charity Bowl.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SENDS A BIG THANK YOU! TO CYM FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS

Catholic Charities wants to thank all the families and member of CYM who participated in the CYM Charity Bowl in early November for their generosity. Thanks to the many donations made, we were the grateful recipients of six laundry bins full of food, two truck loads of clothing, and household items, and over \$2,700 in cash donations.

Richelle A. Vible, Executive Director, said, "We are very grateful for the enthusiastic way that CYM families supported the Charity Bowl and Catholic Charities. Your donations are very timely in helping to meet the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors during the holiday season. Thank you on behalf of the 80,000 persons who rely each year on Catholic Charities to help them.



Bayard House residents and staff man a table at Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" day in October. Catholic Charities sold tickets for the event, which gave buyers a 25% shopping discount for the day. All monies earned from our ticket sales will be used for programs.

WAYS TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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for our clients, their families, and those who serve them

Advocate

DE and MD Catholic Advocacy Network
MD Lobby Night
Visiting Legislators

Participate/Educate/Renew

Salt & Light Program
Catholic Social Teaching
Outreach Retreats
Networking Meetings
Call 302-655-9624

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Donation Opportunities

Contribute by check to
Catholic Charities
2601 W 4th Street
Wilmington, DE 19805

Contribute online using a credit card.
Go to: www.cdow.org/ccdonation.html.
Make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation

Use GoodSearch, GoodShop

Use **www.GoodSearch.com** as your search engine, choose Catholic Charities as your charity of choice, and we receive a donation every time you use it.

Use **www.GoodShop.com**, choose Catholic Charities as your charity of choice, and we receive a donation based on the amount of your purchase total.

Give through United Way

Designate your United Way pledge to Catholic Charities by indicating the Catholic Charities code, **0170**, on your pledge form. If you contribute through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) use code 54027 on your form.

DONATE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES BY SHOPPING ONLINE WITH GOODSEARCH.COM

What if Catholic Charities earned a donation every time you made purchase online? Now that the holiday shopping season is starting, Catholic Charities wants to remind you to shop using GoodShop.com.

GoodShop.com, powered by GoodSearch.com, is an online shopping mall that will donate up to 37% of each purchase to Catholic Charities! The process is simple. Visit GoodShop.com and choose Catholic Charities, Diocese of Wilmington, as the agency you GoodShop for. Then find the store you wish to shop in and click into the store. Your purchase will earn a cash donation for Catholic Charities! You may also be eligible for special GoodShop coupons for your purchases!

Don't forget, you can also use the GoodSearch.com engine to earn Catholic Charities a donation every time you perform an online search. Go to GoodSearch.com and choose Catholic Charities, Diocese of Wilmington, as the agency you GoodSearch for. Better yet, make it your home page so you'll never miss a donation opportunity!



PAJAMA PARTY!

St. Elizabeth's High School students, headed by senior Jane Plummer, right, held a pajama drive for the littlest residents of Bayard House in November. Over 150 pieces of clothing, like pajamas, baby shoes, hygiene items, and other necessities were collected.

Jane was inspired to help those in need, and a call to Catholic Charities linked her willingness to help to the needs of Bayard House babies. Jane is joined by (from left) student Lauren Stephens, current Bayard House resident Angel Stewart, and St. Elizabeth's principal, Shirley Bounds.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington delivers critical direct care services to individuals and families living in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, regardless of their religion, race, or ability to pay.

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