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# Giving Back } Summer 2018

## A Message from Father John



I often say I have the best job in the world. Although calling what I do a job, or work just doesn't seem right. Each

day I get to be a part of an organization that is changing lives. I am so blessed to have hundreds of dedicated staff and volunteers at the ready. But what is truly striking to me is you, and your unwavering commitment to Catholic Charities.

Your commitment allows us to continue to use my favorite phrase and that is "YES!" Yes to when a mother comes to us before she and her children are evicted, yes to when someone comes to us for legal help, yes to when an uninsured man comes to us needing medical care. We are in the business of

saying yes, and people like you keep us in that business.

Whether it is serving as Gala chairs, volunteering for one of our dinner services, or supporting our programs so many of you always say yes. And we could not be more grateful.

We at Catholic Charities are truly blessed to have friends like you. You are leading by example, showing others what it means to have compassion for those less fortunate. You do this through your actions and your words. Your commitment and dedication to Catholic Charities is so important to our work. In this issue we share what a difference your support makes.

Msgr. John Enzler  
 President and CEO  
 Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington

## SHARE's New Program Helps Hungry Kids in Prince George's County



In June the SHARE Food Network launched the Summer Student Program to provide hungry students with a reliable source

of food during the summer months. The new program provides 80 students from 10 Prince George's County schools with a package of healthy food each week.

Many students avoid hunger during the school year because of the two meals they receive each day in school, however during the summer months these students are often left unsure where their meals will

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**\$18.3 million**

In *pro bono* services were provided directly to our clients.

**For every dollar \$.85**

Goes directly to helping people in need.

**6,846 people**

Volunteered with Catholic Charities last year.

## Around The Agency

### Housing Those in Need

This past winter, our Homeless and Housing Services Department served 12,000 people. It was the second coldest winter in years with a total of 103 hypothermia nights. You may not know that the District of Columbia contracts with us to open hypothermia shelters to provide warmth for those needing refuge from the cold.

We are looking forward to the completion of our Angel's Watch Shelter in Charles County in Southern Maryland at the end of the summer. The new, larger facility will help us provide for 50 percent more families, the majority of which are fleeing

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domestic violence. We will have a grand opening in the fall where we will be joined by Governor Larry Hogan, and Senator Mike Miller, both of whom played an important role in getting this new facility built.

### Training for Careers

We have established a partnership with Catalyst Kitchens, a fellow nonprofit helping others with training kitchens. With our outstanding new Food Services Director, we



have created KitchenWork where we will train our clients in food services and expand our catering and food contracts. We are already providing catering services to Catholic

University of America and Catholic Charities USA.

### Feeding the Hungry

Just a few weeks ago we packed our last Snack Sak for the school year. We sent students from 14 schools in Southern Maryland home with snack bags. These bags ensure children have something nutritious on weekends. This school year we provided more than 24,700

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meal items and more than 100,000 snack items. Over the summer, we will provide snacks to a summer camp for children with disabilities. This program is totally donor driven.



### Mobile Response

The Mobile Response Vehicle, on loan from Catholic Charities USA one week per month allows us to go out to underserved communities and distribute greatly needed items including toiletries, diapers, backpacks, and other necessities.

This unique opportunity is allowing us to meet clients where they are. Kathleen Norris, wife of our board member Jeff Norris, is now the volunteer overseeing this effort, working with a number of parishes in the Archdiocese to collect these much-needed items for distribution.



## 13th Annual In the Name of the Mother Golf Outing

Blue Mash Golf Course  
5821 Olney Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882

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This annual golf outing raises crucial funds to help those battling cancer. Established by Kevin McConville to honor his late wife Megan, this event provides funds for financial assistance, rent, utilities, housecleaning, medical needs, food, wigs, and specialty clothes so no mother undergoing cancer treatment will have to worry about how to provide for her family.

For more information or to sign up for the In the Name of the Mother Golf Outing please contact Kimani Superville at: [Kimani.Superville@cc-dc.org](mailto:Kimani.Superville@cc-dc.org) or visit [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/event/inmgolf](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/event/inmgolf)

## Integrated Care

A strategic goal for the agency is for us to be able to provide counseling services through Anchor Mental Health within our other health programs for adults and children. We are now able to provide counseling upon request and we have implemented a more comprehensive, integrated approach to health management, bringing together our mental and physical health care. Last year we offered medical, dental, and behavioral health services to nearly 20,000 men, women, and children in need.

## Transformative Work

A new pilot program called Compass began last August with nine students from Catholic University's School of Social Work. In return for a free scholarship to earn their Master's Degree, students will do their field work and then will complete three years of social work with Catholic Charities supporting families in some of the most destitute neighborhoods in Washington, D.C. We hope to have a second cohort of students in the 2019 class, expanding our reach and helping to increase the number of social workers in our region. This is an entirely

new way of doing business designed to bring real change. We will provide intensive case management to help families navigate from scarcity to resiliency and offer a workforce development program to build second generation economic mobility.

## Thank You

Catholic Charities has deep roots in Washington D.C. and the surrounding Maryland communities. Our work really does shape this region by transforming millions of lives.

Thank you for investing in our people and programs.

## Children in Transition

Like many we have been witness to the families in crisis at our borders. Some of those impacted have come to our doors seeking assistance. Our Immigration Legal Services team, along with many of our other programs have been there to help. Whether in need of ID, food, clothing, or guidance we offer a place to turn in time of need. In addition to our services, we are collecting packed kits for unaccompanied minors to aid them in their transition. A full list of what is needed in these kits is available on our website.



Catholic Charities assists individuals and families in need regardless of race, status, or economic background. Whether people are seeking help for legal issues, immigration services, crisis counseling, food and nutrition programs, refugee programs, or low-cost health and dental care we are here to help.

For more information on these care packages. Please visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org)



## Enzler Society Networking Event

National Press Club  
529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20045

Join fellow young professionals for a night of conversation and camaraderie. Meet new people and learn how you can become more involved with Catholic Charities and make a difference in your community.

For more information or to sign up please contact us at: [events@cc-dc.org](mailto:events@cc-dc.org) or visit [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/enzlersociety](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/enzlersociety)

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# New Programs Continue on Path to Reduce Homelessness in Montgomery County



With nearly \$1 million in combined funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Montgomery County Government, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington is poised to launch a Rapid Re-housing program in the Maryland county this September.

The program represents a major expansion of Catholic Charities housing programs into Montgomery County. The new funds will provide a rent subsidy for approximately 70 households that are currently experiencing homelessness. The Rapid Re-housing program is set up to quickly connect individuals and families who are temporarily experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance. It will help those living on the streets or in emergency shelters

solve practical and immediate challenges to obtaining permanent housing. Rapid Re-housing is a key component of the community's response to homelessness. The scattered-site program will serve adult singles and family households. The belief underlying the program is that these households need some sort of short-term assistance to afford them the time to generate enough income to afford an unsubsidized unit.

Participants selected for the Rapid Re-housing program typically do not need significant or extended case management.

Through the program, Catholic Charities will work directly with Montgomery County "housing navigators" to identify suitable housing units, and work directly with community landlords. Participants in the Rapid Re-housing program are expected to need the rent subsidy for less than a typical lease period.

Currently, Catholic Charities housing programs include five Permanent Supportive Housing programs and three Rapid Re-housing programs. HIP is a Permanently Supportive Housing program that has been operating in Montgomery County for several years, however Catholic Charities' HIP initiative marks the first time



the agency has joined the county as a provider-partner to house the chronically homeless in Montgomery County. The Catholic Charities HIP program will serve up to

60 households through long-term rental subsidies provided by Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Continuum of Care.

Unlike participants of the Rapid Re-housing program, HIP participants often have major barriers to self-sufficiency, including mental health needs, substance use disorders, domestic violence, and significant



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## Catholic Charities Legal Network 15th Annual Golf Tournament

**Belle Haven Country Club**  
6023 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria, VA 22307

Join the Catholic Charities Legal Network and our dedicated network of *pro bono* attorneys for the 15th Annual Catholic Charities Legal Network's Golf Tournament. Come honor and celebrate 29 years of civil legal service provided to those most in need. Your participation and support help us continue the Legal Network's legacy of changing lives. Last year the Catholic Charities Legal Network provided approximately \$3,000,000 in legal services to more than 3,700 low-income clients.

For more information on supporting the Catholic Charities Legal Network or to be a part of the Golf Tournament please contact Kelly Thompson at: [kelly.thompson@cc-dc.org](mailto:kelly.thompson@cc-dc.org) or visit [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/event/cclngolf](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/event/cclngolf)

financial challenges. Catholic Charities will be providing case managers to take a holistic and individualized approach to goal plan development for HIP households. These case managers will work collaboratively to empower participants to seek permanent housing and increase self-sufficiency. Plans will include time-specific goals and objectives based on each household's self-identified needs, desires, strengths, challenges, and resources. In keeping with the "Housing First" principle of eliminating barriers to entry, goal plans will not include any stipulations that household members must participate in treatment or services to receive rental assistance.

Through partnership with Montgomery County, both of these programs allow us to shift our focus in the county from shelter and transitional housing to more a permanent solution to homelessness.

For more information on any of our housing or shelter programs in Washington DC or Maryland. Please visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/housinghelp](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/housinghelp)

## 2nd Annual Summer of Service is Finishing Strong



In June, Catholic Charities launched the 2nd annual Summer of Service, an initiative created to encourage giving back during the summer months. As part of the initiative, we invite Washington-area residents from all walks of life to give the gift of community service by completing 2,500 service hours through 850 open volunteer positions during the three-month long campaign. Summer of Service was developed in

variety of issues including hunger, homelessness, and community restoration in DC and Southern Maryland. Specific projects range from serving a community dinner through St. Maria's Meals, to participating in game night with residents of the Mulumba House. Volunteers can register for projects independently or as part of a group; corporate projects are also available.

To date we've completed **75 percent** of the service hours.

2017 to combat a traditional decrease in volunteer rates over the summer months while fostering a sense of community engagement throughout the region. The 81 service projects available this summer will address a



For more information, or to register for a project, visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer)



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### Catholic Charities' Spanish Catholic Center Gala

Marriott Marquis  
901 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

For more than 50 years, the Spanish Catholic Center has been providing critical services to the region's immigrant community. From medical and dental clinics, to English classes, workforce training, and case management, the dedicated staff and volunteers represent the multicultural community they serve. The Spanish Catholic Center is representative of the ever-expanding diversity among our community and clients. We invite you to join us at our annual Spanish Catholic Center Gala for an evening of celebration as we look back on the many accomplishments over the last year, as well as celebrate the inclusiveness of our community.

For more information on sponsoring or attending please contact Carmen Joya at: [carmen.joya@cc-dc.org](mailto:carmen.joya@cc-dc.org) or visit [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/event/sccgala](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/event/sccgala)

# Constructing Futures

By Luke Garrett, Summer Intern



Program partners, family, friends, and – most importantly – graduates all had their eyes on the future. On Saturday, June 2nd, the Green Construction and Unidos in Finance Training Program held their graduation ceremony at the Stuart Center. The auditorium was fitted with folding chairs and center stage so as to accommodate the 52 graduates, their family and friends, as well as Catholic Charities partners and staff.

The graduates came primarily from immigrant and returning citizen populations; and all shared the desire to further careers and improve job security. At graduation, the 31 Green Construction students received nationally accredited certificates in green construction after attending classes for 12 weeks and the 21 Unidos in Finance graduates earned certificates in customer service competence, job readiness, and financial skills after six weeks of classes. With these credentials, graduates achieved their initial goals of advancing their futures. Ludovic Foyem Ngatchop, a Green Construction graduate,



shared his experience as an immigrant worker who struggled with language and cultural barriers which kept him from work, despite his previous construction experience. With the help of Catholic Charities' refugee program and The Green Construction Training Program, Foyem Ngatchop was able to assimilate well and get a job at Milano Construction. He was not alone in his successes, as most of the Green Construction graduates have construction jobs upon graduation and many of the Unidos Finance graduates are in the application process for financial jobs – a more lengthy process.

Father John Enzler, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, gave an invocation of hope and gladness at Catholic Charities ability to offer such a successful program. Billy Kappaz, member of the Catholic Charities Board of Directors, shared the story of his own father coming to the U.S., working hard, and building a legacy. Noting how this Green

Construction program and the family's commitment to it are part of that legacy. Ange Garcia Lathrop, Community Affairs Executive of Bank of America, continued Father John's sentiments of happiness in partnering with the Unidos in Finance Program, as she highlighted the hard work of the graduates and staff of the program in her commencement speech.

The graduates received their earned certificates, following the various addresses, and enjoyed a lunch provided by KitchenWork, an enterprise of Catholic Charities, with their family and friends in attendance. As the ceremony came to a close, the graduates flung their caps into the air with fulfilled smiles, their heads looking up – much like their futures – followed their caps sailing through the air.



For more information on our WorkForce development program visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/workforce](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/workforce)

## Philanthropic Recognition



Catholic Charities is truly blessed to have the support of many donors and friends. Each year, we receive thousands of gifts from thoughtful contributors and thousands more volunteer their time and talent. Often it is in the form of all three ways that people support our mission. The dedication and generous response by so many does not go unnoticed and we are deeply grateful. These acts of kindness have a profound impact on our ability to offer 57 programs at 36 locations throughout DC and Maryland. Together, we are helping to save lives.



Eminence Cardinal Wuerl to kick off the Spanish Catholic Center Gala. **Stephanie and Dan Lennon** hosted their friends and family in their home to launch our Angel Tree program. **Beth and John Veihmeyer** hosted a festive reception to kick off our Gala. **Lulu and Geoff Gonella** hosted a lovely brunch for members of our Good Samaritan Society, who have named Catholic Charities in their



estate plans. **Karen and Tom Natelli** welcomed members of our Leadership Giving Societies to the annual Circle of Hope reception at their home with a special private musical performance by Maggie Rose. **Laura and Billy Kappaz** hosted an evening reception at their home to help us give thanks to those who volunteer their time on behalf of Development and Communications. Our hearts are filled with love and joy!



Simple words of thanks never seem like enough to convey our deepest gratitude. We value the contributions of everyone who has volunteered on behalf of a gala, golf tournament, leadership committee or who have opened their homes to engage others. **Ileana Quintas** and **Thomas Brackett** hosted a special dinner with His

To learn more about joining a Leadership Giving Society, please visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/givingsocieties](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/givingsocieties)

*SHARE's New Program Helps Hungry Kids in Prince George's County*



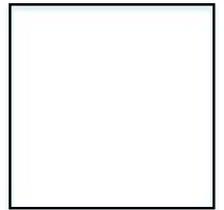
come from. This exciting new program from SHARE will not only help prevent summer food insecurity for these students, but it also gives them access to healthy, nutritious food.

Volunteers and staff package the food in an insulated bag and each pack includes frozen proteins and fresh produce. Each package costs \$15 to assemble, but is provided to students at no cost.

In addition to the summer food packages, SHARE serves the community year-round through the sale of healthy, nutritious food packages. SHARE is a sustainable, social enterprise of Catholic Charities that thousands of families count on for affordable, healthy groceries that are sold through volunteer-run locations throughout the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas.

For more information visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/SHARE](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/SHARE)

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