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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN



"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." Here at Catholic Charities, we have found this to be true as our community struggles with COVID-19.

When the pandemic hit in March, we could have shuttered our programs, waiting for this crisis to pass. But that kind of thinking is not in the DNA of our employees, who live the mission of being accessible to those in need.

Instead of giving in to the pandemic, our staff members reached out to find new ways of serving. They showed deep resiliency, agility and creativity by putting their heads together to identify solutions to challenges, learning new technology and adding to their skills.

They have reimagined safe and effective ways to keep as many of our services active throughout this time as possible. When in-person ESOL and adult literacy classes were moved online, accessibility emerged as a challenge. Solution: loan laptops to clients, with the help of special funding. Curriculum was quickly updated to include computer training, a new level of learning that also prepares students for the world of work.

With public health officials discouraging personal contact, the Spanish Catholic Center food pantry set up a dedicated phone line to connect those in need with services such as assistance in applying for SNAP and WIC benefits and filing for unemployment benefits.

Our dental clinics began webinars to discuss the importance of dental hygiene and answer questions, and Immigration Legal Services started regular "Know Your Rights" online seminars. The Legal Network hosted virtual presentations on wills and advanced medical directives and followed up with clients wanting legal documents.

## POP-UP FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS SERVE UP COMFORT IN A CRISIS



"God Bless U."

Written one letter at a time on Post-it Notes affixed to a car window, this simple message from one family reflects the sentiment of thousands of families for whom food from Catholic Charities has provided comfort and stability at a time of fear and uncertainty.

Since late April, more than 6,000 cars have passed through Catholic Charities' community drive-thru food distributions, each receiving grocery boxes filled with vegetables, fruit and protein items, and take-home family meals.

These pop-up food distributions were added to existing food programs after furloughs and layoffs spread quickly with the pandemic, leading to widespread unemployment.

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As more was learned about coronavirus, the Volunteer Engagement Office identified ways our community could contribute while staying safe. Volunteers are now helping unload and bag food at the Catholic Charities Center and SHARE Food Network warehouse.

With all of us suffering through the additional stress brought on by the pandemic, our children's behavioral health staff realized that young people particularly were being affected. So, they took the summer camp concept online and added a few creative twists. A virtual camp for elementary and middle school students with a history of absenteeism and another for students with clinical mental health issues are helping families address trauma, isolation and behavior concerns.

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# AROUND THE AGENCY

## KENNEDY SCHOOL GRADUATES FIRST CLASS WITH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA



While they didn't imagine their graduation walk would include a stop for hand sanitizer, the seven students of Catholic Charities DC's Kennedy School class of 2020 couldn't have been happier to celebrate their hard work.

The graduates, who accessorized their caps and gowns with face coverings, received their diplomas

last month in a modified ceremony that maintained social distancing. Kennedy School Principal Paris Adon and Msgr. John J. Enzler presided over the event, congratulating students with fist or elbow bumps instead of handshakes before the students returned to their families in attendance, arms raised in triumph.



The graduates, who are between the ages of 17 and 22 and have been diagnosed with intellectual and developmental differences, worked incredibly hard to experience this rite of passage. This year's group of graduates is particularly

special because it is Kennedy's first class to have students receive an official high school diploma, having successfully completed certain academic requirements. One of the students plans on continuing her education by attending community college to study art.

"I am so proud of the staff and students," Adon said. "They have accepted the challenge of teaching and learning at a higher level, and this commencement is proof that the work is well worth the wait. I congratulate the class of 2020 with every fiber of my being."

## SOLAR ARRAY CREATES A BUZZ



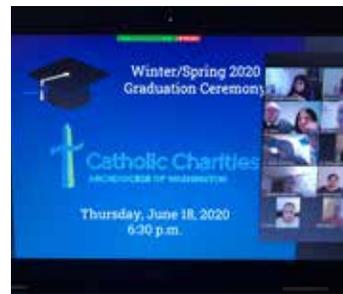
Crews were hard at work this spring installing a pollinator field on the site of our solar array in Northeast D.C. The field on the Gift of Peace property will feature 650,000 flowering plants, many of them native to the Mid-Atlantic. Plants like black-eyed Susans, milkweed and wild indigo will

attract pollinating species, including bees and butterflies. The solar array already has made an impact. From January to June, it offset more than 1.2 million pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> — the equivalent to planting 9,246 trees.

## AGENCY HONORS THE DIGNITY IN EVERY PERSON

Catholic Charities observed Juneteenth with a recommitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. In a public statement, CEO Father John Enzler said this spring's protests highlighted the intense systemic disparities that exist in our country. "We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person," he wrote. In expressing support for Black Lives Matters, he continued: "To do our work serving others, we must acknowledge and fight against racism."

## ESOL STUDENTS GRADUATE



Thirteen participants in the winter/spring 2020 English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) course were graduated in a program held remotely on June 18. The learners completed the highest-level course offered by the Spanish Catholic Center office in Gaithersburg.

The comprehensive ESOL program includes grammar, conversation, workplace English and daily living activities. Participants can access other programs offered by Catholic Charities, including employment services, case management and Immigration Legal Services.

## INTERNS JOIN WORKPLACE VIRTUALLY

Seventeen undergraduate students from colleges and universities in seven states and the District of Columbia joined Catholic Charities as interns in June. They are assigned to various programs and departments, from the Trafficking Victims Assistance Program to the Silver Spring medical clinic to the Legal Network. Their summer at Catholic Charities began in June with a remote orientation and continues until August with virtual duties and assignments.

## DACA RULING IS WELCOMED

Catholic Charities DC welcomed the U.S. Supreme Court decision blocking the administration's plans to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). The agency serves all those in need, including the immigrant community. The Immigration Legal Services team continues to assist current clients and is providing remote consultations with new and former clients on a range of immigration matters. A "Know Your Rights" webinar has been added to its services, and public presentations on immigration were made this spring to parishes and community organizations.

## ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM IS HONORED



The Adult Literacy Program received the Henry L. Dixon Jr. Community Action Award from Montgomery County. In presenting the award, the county's

Community Action Agency said the program supports its mission of reducing poverty and increasing self-sufficiency among residents. In educating those who are not able to read or write in Spanish, the program includes a curriculum of reading, writing, math, social studies, history and geography with the goal of having participants earn an elementary school certificate from their country of origin.

## STAFF AIDS MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY RELIEF APPLICATIONS

Thirty-two staff members from seven Catholic Charities programs worked together with volunteers this spring to screen clients and submit their applications for the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Relief Program. More than 920 applications were submitted to the county's Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of county households in need of financial assistance.

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

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Throughout this time, our employees have served with grace and compassion, even when their own families were at times affected.

Over the past few months, I have had small group meetings with employees to ask how they are doing personally during this difficult time and to hear what's on their minds. The pandemic has disrupted our lives. Each of us has a story to tell, and it is so helpful to me to hear firsthand of people's experiences.

In talking with employees, I have been reminded of their dedication and commitment to our mission.

At the same time, I have encouraged them to reflect on how we all can do better. It is clear from their ingenuity they take that to heart.

Our staff are innovators, creators, adapters. I just call them heroes.

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

## PROGRAM HELPS LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS REGISTER FOR STIMULUS PAYMENTS

As the pandemic continues to negatively impact the economy, thousands of vulnerable Washingtonians are at risk of missing out on a critical financial lifeline. According to Capital Area Asset Builders, 35,000 D.C. residents have not filed a claim with the IRS to receive their stimulus checks from the COVID-19 Economic Impact Payment program.

About \$42 million could go unclaimed. So, Catholic Charities' Financial Stability Network (FSN) is tackling this economic injustice head on.

Program Manager Deacon Jim Shanahan and his team of volunteers are working to assist low- and no-income residents access the funds they are entitled to. So far, they have helped more than 250 residents obtain their \$1,200 stimulus payments.

"That for a family struggling during a time when someone may have been laid off, and they're trying to get food on the table and pay rent. That could cover food and rent for a lot of people trying to make it week to week," FSN volunteer Mike Littman told the *Catholic Standard*.

FSN provides a valuable service for a process that has roadblocks. Many of these residents are non-filers – meaning they haven't paid taxes due to low incomes, or don't receive Social Security payments – and the IRS simply does not know they exist. As an added complication, these residents are either unaware that they need to reach out to the IRS, or they think they're ineligible to receive payments.

Shanahan's team has done extensive community outreach to spread the word, including partnering with D.C.'s Department of Human Services to share information on FSN's services with people receiving SNAP and Medicaid benefits.

FSN assists clients in navigating the IRS website and forms, and its volunteers help clients determine their eligibility and walk them through the registration process.

Because many non-filers lack financial knowledge, FSN also educates them about other economic programs available to them, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and VITA tax preparation services.

# MEAL PREPARED BY KITCHENWORK AN ADDED INGREDIENT TO FOOD DISTRIBUTION

People picking up grocery packages at the large-scale food distributions get a bonus item: a ready-to-eat dinner.

A complete take-home meal prepared by the staff of Catholic Charities' KitchenWork, a catering enterprise and pilot culinary workforce development program, is a special, unexpected gift for recipients.



"We came up with the idea after seeing people wait in miles-long lines for hours to pick up food to feed their families," said Ken Chadwick, program manager of KitchenWork. "We imagined that having to cook a meal would be the last thing they would want to do when they got home. Providing these meals gives these families a break from the challenges they're facing. For at

least one night, they can feel a sense of normalcy and find comfort in sharing a meal with their loved ones."

Each week, eight staff members participate in what Chadwick calls a "well-choreographed dance," adhering to a strict schedule so they can prepare and pack thousands of dinners in a commercial-grade kitchen in Hyattsville.

Chadwick works with a head chef to set menus, which are tailored around client feedback and nutritional guidelines. Every meal is cooked from scratch using fresh, clean vegetables and herbs from Mona Farm, an urban farm at Catholic Charities' Susan Denison Mona Center in Temple Hills. The team uses local vendors for ingredients like milk and bread, a practice that is both sustainable and supportive of small businesses.

Past menus have included bourbon chicken, honey-glazed chicken, baked ziti, Salisbury steak, beef stroganoff and a stir-fry. The meal also includes a starch, a vegetable, bread and dessert — enough to satisfy a family of four.



While cooking these meals is a Herculean effort, it's an effort the small KitchenWork team has voluntarily taken on in addition to the thousands of other meals it regularly produces. Working six days a week, from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., they prepare boxed meals for clients at Anchor Mental Health, Angel's Watch, the Mona Center and two St. Maria's Meals services.

They've also volunteered to assemble lunches to feed the hundreds of people who wait in line every Wednesday for



KitchenWork

## RECIPE: CHICKEN ALFREDO BAKE

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Total time: 50 minutes  
Servings: 6

### INGREDIENTS:

- 12 oz penne pasta cooked per package specifications
- 3 cups diced cooked chicken
- 3 tablespoons of butter
- 2 tablespoons of flour
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon parsley chopped

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Coat a 3-quart baking dish with cooking spray.
- Melt butter in a large pan over medium heat. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Whisk in the flour and cook for 1 minute.
- Add the parmesan cheese and ½ cup shredded mozzarella to the milk mixture, along with salt and pepper to taste.
- Stir until cheese has melted.
- Place the pasta and chicken in a large bowl. Pour the sauce over the top and toss to coat evenly.
- Pour the pasta mixture into the prepped pan and top with remaining mozzarella cheese.
- Bake uncovered for 20 minutes or until pasta is bubbly and cheese has just started to brown.
- Sprinkle parsley over the top and serve.

assistance from the Spanish Catholic Center's food pantry. Altogether, KitchenWork has prepared and packed about 32,000 meals to feed the area's most vulnerable people since the start of the pandemic.

But, like many Catholic Charities staff serving clients on the front lines of the pandemic, Chadwick and his staff feel compelled to contribute even more as needs have increased.

"When you see people receive these packages of food," Chadwick said, "you realize it's just a drop in the bucket. We want to do more."

# POP-UP FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS SERVE UP COMFORT IN A CRISIS

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Across all food initiatives, Catholic Charities has provided more than one-half million meals to those suffering from hunger and food insecurity during the pandemic.

Each large community distribution has been met by hundreds of cars, queued up sometimes hours in advance to receive a basic necessity. Food items packaged through Catholic Charities' SHARE Food Network and meals prepared by the agency's catering enterprise KitchenWork supply the effort.

Held in accessible locations in the District and Montgomery and Prince George's counties, the pop-up distributions have drawn appreciation and attention.

"Thanks for the help and for the food," Iris wrote in an email after receiving a food package at a May distribution in the parking lot of Lakeforest Mall in Gaithersburg. Her family had come to Catholic Charities for the first time as the pregnant woman and her husband were awaiting the arrival of a new family member. May "the Lord bless you greatly for the help you give," she wrote.

Like Iris, many of the recipients have come to Catholic Charities for the first time – forced to ask for assistance as incomes have dried up. "I lost my job three months ago and my family has no income right now," said another recipient of food. "Thank you for being there for us during this time."

In Prince George's County, where the percentage of COVID-19 cases and unemployment claims have been high, County Executive Angela Alsobrooks wrote, "Thank you to Catholic Charities DC and Rev. John Enzler for being a partner in helping us support Prince Georgians during these difficult times. ... With the strength of our community, we will get through this together."

The mayor of Laurel, Md., Craig A. Moe, said he was pleased to attend a distribution in May on the property of St. Mary of the Mill Church. In a video about the Catholic

## POP-UP FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS LOCATIONS

- Susan Denison Mona Center, Temple Hills, Md.
- Northwestern High School, Hyattsville, Md.
- Bohrer Park, Gaithersburg, Md.
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, D.C.
- St. Mary of the Mill Church, Laurel, Md.
- Bishop McNamara High School-Mt Calvary Church, Forestville, Md.
- Lakeforest Mall, Gaithersburg, Md.
- Ward 8, District of Columbia, distribution to members of COMPASS program and residents of Washington Interfaith Network properties
- Veteran's Plaza, Silver Spring, Md.
- Direct delivery to residents in a Silver Spring, Md., neighborhood



34,499

BOXES OF GROCERIES



31,871

HOT MEALS

The pop-ups are one of Catholic Charities' food programs, which also include three food pantries, Cup of Joe, St. Maria's Meals, Meals & Hope mobile food trucks and Snack Sak pantry bags for students and seniors. In all, we have given out more than **550,000** meals during the pandemic.

Charities' effort, he said, "We thank them for coming to the city of Laurel, working with us and our community in our time of need."

Since the start of the pandemic, the number of those needing assistance has grown exponentially, CEO Msgr. John J. Enzler noted. As unemployment remains high, Father John said, "More and more people will be coming to us for help and assistance. We will be working to make sure that everyone who comes to us for help gets served."



## RESTAURANT COOKS UP HOPE AND COMFORT FOR SHELTER RESIDENTS



What started as a phone call led to many wholesome meals appreciated by residents of transitional housing.

Early in the pandemic, **Robert "Jay" Test**, owner of the **Union Street Public**

**House** in Old Town Alexandria, Va., received a phone call from **World Central Kitchen** with an opportunity: Would the popular family-owned restaurant, which is known for its charitable work, join the ranks of affiliated restaurants to provide dinners to a homeless shelter in Southern Maryland on behalf of Catholic Charities?

Without hesitation, Test agreed, and the restaurant began meal preparation for 90 people sheltering in place at Angel's Watch, Catholic Charities' shelter for families, single women and those fleeing domestic violence.

Executive Chef **Mark Reyburn** created comforting dinners inspired by his grandmother's cooking. Early in his career, he worked for a restaurant owned by **José Andrés**, who founded World Central Kitchen. So, cooking for Angel's Watch meant that Reyburn came full circle. He said his family knows firsthand what it means to be a beneficiary of charitable help. "It's good for the soul to help others."

Shelter employees met restaurant staff at the shelter front door every Monday through Thursday evening for six weeks. "Mr. Test and Executive Chef Mark Reyburn were so great to work with," said a program director at Angel's Watch. "They prepared meals based upon feedback from our clients, and they were delivered with a smile."

Meals ranged from baked turkey to catfish to roasted chicken to pasta with marinara sauce. All were served with fresh vegetables and bread and accompanied by delicious dessert.

Pat Dunne, Catholic Charities chief operating officer, instantly knew the importance of the partnership with World Central Kitchen. "The pandemic was creating a strain on the limited housing staff to provide three meals a day for the 90 people sheltering in place."

Dunne noted that the contribution not only allowed for the residents to receive regular healthy and nutritious dinners, but it also provided respite critical to the staff. "Our staff are working long and stressful hours. Being essential employees and providing front-line care have put a real strain on our workforce."

The meals donated by World Central Kitchen and the Union Street Public House provided comfort and hope during a time that has challenged our entire community, and we are grateful, he said.

## LOCAL CHICK-FIL-A PITCHES IN, TOO



Angel's Watch shelter had meals on Friday nights in May from **Chick-fil-A of Waldorf**. With the donation from owner **Ken Wiegel** and help from **Beth Anne Lower**, director of marketing and catering sales, those staying at the shelter enjoyed sandwiches,

chicken nuggets, waffle fries, fruit cups, chocolate chunk cookies and beverages. The meals were a hit with families.

## HIGH SCHOOLS SERVE TOGETHER

Four Maryland Catholic high schools came together to support the work of Catholic Charities by donating in-demand items and shelf-stable food. Called the "Serve Together," the drive was the combined effort of **Connelly School of the Holy Child, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Elizabeth Seton High School and Bishop McNamara High School**. Donations of rice, canned protein and cereal, among other items, were delivered to the food pantries at the Spanish Catholic Center in Northwest D.C. and Catholic Charities Center in Montgomery County. Diapers, baby shampoo and infant bottles were among the things given to Sanctuaries for Life in Silver Spring.

## YES, WE'VE GOT MILK



With a donation of milk from a dairy, the St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town, W.Va., brought, brought 1,600 gallons to the food pantry at the Spanish Catholic Center. The milk was delivered by two college students who are St. James parish volunteers, and each client received two to four gallons. During the pandemic, the parish has been distributing

milk to parishioners, as well as to food pantries across Maryland and Northern Virginia.

## NO SMALL EFFORT: BAKING 1,600 COOKIES



When a donor to a May food distribution gave the gift of time and talent, it had a delicious result.

Award-winning baker **Brother Andrew Corriente, OFM Cap**, baked 1,600 peanut butter, chocolate chip and snickerdoodle cookies for a community food giveaway held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Despite winning season five of the nationally televised baking competition, the Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition, he admitted that baking in such a large quantity came with challenges. "I woke up at 4 a.m. to do test batches," he said. "When we ran out of all-purpose flour, I had to improvise with a mixture of bread and cake flour."

Luckily, he had a few assistants. "This was definitely a massive group effort from our friary," Brother Andrew said. "I had brothers scooping at 6 a.m. every day for... four days, another brother making emergency runs for chocolate chips, and plenty of brothers washing my dishes!"

After delivering the cookies to the site of the distribution, he stayed and helped pass out the cookies, which accompanied a prepared meal and grocery package.



"We're happy to give back to the community in this way," said the fourth-year Master of Divinity student at The Catholic University of America and Capuchin College. "We hope this meal brings sustenance and joy during this time."

## GEORGETOWN PREP HOSTS PPE DRIVE

**Georgetown Preparatory School's Arrupe Society** organized a personal protective equipment (PPE) drive in June, asking its students and families to donate masks for use by Catholic Charities. Their timely goal: 2,020 masks. Georgetown Prep's contributions join donations of homemade or purchased cloth face coverings from across the archdiocese. More than 100 caring neighbors, seamstresses, parishes, companies and students have donated masks for use by our many staff working in the field and serving clients. For directions on how you can donate cloth face coverings, visit <https://bit.ly/2CDyp4T>.

## PARTNER DISTRIBUTES SHARE FOOD PACKAGES



The **Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive**, which oversees the collection of nonperishable items to lessen the deficit of food in the metro area, continues to be a valuable partner of Catholic Charities. Currently during the pandemic, the organization is distributing SHARE Food Network packages to parish food pantries in the archdiocese and pantry packages to families. It also has been well-represented

among the volunteers at Catholic Charities' large community food distributions. One regular volunteer at the giveaways is **Jessica Walsh**, director of the Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive. After volunteering at a May distribution at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, she said she enjoyed "spending the day doing what I love — serving people."

## DONATION ALLOWS DENTAL CLINICS TO MOVE TO REOPEN

Temporarily closed for several months, Catholic Charities' three dental clinics are taking the necessary safety measures to reopen. Thanks to the generosity of an **anonymous family foundation**, special equipment will be installed to minimize aerosol during dental procedures and reduce the risk posed to dentists, hygienists and patients. One clinic will open in a pilot phase to schedule and each day care for four patients who are currently in active treatment.

## AMONG THE MANY OTHER DONORS:

- **Ecomaxx** donated 2,000 KN95 masks for use by clients and staff in low-barrier shelters.
- **Nova Labs** provided 500 face shields to Catholic Charities staff.
- **Shake Shack** and **District Bowls** made delicious food featured at a July Fourth-inspired St. Maria's Meals.
- **Chef Luigi Diotaiuti** of **Al Tiramisu** restaurant continued to deliver hot meals to McKenna House on Friday evenings.
- **Supply Love DC** supplied 200 cloth face coverings to program staff.
- **Guru Gobind Singh Foundation** donated prepared meals to Dorothy Day Place.

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WISH LISTS ON AMAZON SMILE

DURING THIS UNPRECEDENTED TIME, OUR COMMUNITY HAS MADE AN IMPACT WITH IN-KIND DONATIONS OF PERSONAL ITEMS AND SHELF-STABLE FOOD. TO SHOP FROM OUR WISH LIST, VISIT [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://smile.amazon.com) AND CHOOSE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DC.

849

## HYGIENE PRODUCTS

bars of soap & other hygiene products to ensure dignity in self-care & safety, especially during the COVID-19 period



678

## DIAPERS & FORMULA

boxes of diapers & infant formula for babies & their mothers as they start their new lives



869

## Food

canned goods & packages of nutritious food to alleviate hunger & lessen food insecurity



\$21K

## DONATIONS

products worth over \$21,400 have been delivered to our programs to benefit our clients & their families



## THANKS TO OUR DONORS FOR SAYING YES

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"

- Matthew 25:35 -

# INSTITUTIONAL GIVING: PARTNERS

## INVEST IN OUR PROGRAMS

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS PLEASED TO HIGHLIGHT RECENT GRANT AWARDS FROM SOME OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS.

The food pantry at the Catholic Charities Center in Silver Spring was awarded a COVID-19 Emergency Food Access grant from the **Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services**, the **Montgomery County Food Council** and the **Healthcare Initiative Foundation**. Catholic Charities Center is a trusted provider to the Spanish-speaking immigrant community, with a history of serving those most severely impacted by COVID-19. Before the pandemic, the center was distributing 300 bags of food a month. That number increased to 1,200 in the first month of the pandemic. The grant provided for an additional 2,000 pantry bags over a six-week period.

The **DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education** has awarded continued funding for our Education and Training Consortium. In partnership with the Washington English Center and STEP (Service Workers Training and Education Partnership), Catholic Charities will use the grant to provide an integrated model of adult education and literacy, workforce preparation and training and comprehensive case-management services. Participants will be prepared to earn industry-recognized credentials and access careers in business administration, construction and hospitality.

The **Charles County Charitable Trust** is providing critical grant support for the Southern Maryland Food Bank as it works to meet the increased demand for food assistance. Since mid-March, the food bank has distributed more than 1,000 food packages each week to children, families and seniors. Additionally, the trust has continued its long-standing support of our Angel's Watch emergency shelter for single women and families. Funds will support shelter staff and client services.

### ADVISORY COMMISSION DONATES MASKS



One thousand bottles of hand sanitizer and 2,410 adult- and child-sized cloth face coverings were included in the Spanish Catholic Center's food pantry distribution thanks to a donation from the Mount Pleasant neighborhood's **Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)**. ANC-1D also awarded a grant to support the center's food pantry.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING GENEROUS DONORS THAT HAVE COMMITTED CRITICAL COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING:

- William S. Abell Foundation
- Albertsons Companies Foundation
- Anonymous
- Association of American Medical Colleges
- Bank of America Foundation
- BB&T/Truist
- Capital One
- Catholic Charities USA
- Charles County Community Trust
- Charles County Regional Medical Center
- Cheniere Energy
- A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation
- DC Advisory Neighborhood Commission
- DC Mayor's Office of Community Affairs
- Delta Dental Community Cares Foundation
- Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation
- Ernst & Young
- FGS Company
- Georgetown Visitation
- The Griffin Family Foundation
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
- Maryland Emergency Food Program
- Mission & Ministry Impact
- Montgomery County DHHS/Healthcare Initiative Foundation
- M&T Foundation
- W. O'Neil Foundation
- PNC Foundation
- Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development
- Share Our Strength No Kid Hungry
- Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus
- UMD Charles County Regional Medical Center
- United Way of the National Capital Area Emergency Assistance Fund
- Waldorf Toyota
- Walmart Foundation
- Wawa Foundation
- WesBanco
- Wills Group
- \* Numerous Family Foundations and Thousands of Individuals

# VOLUNTEERISM

## SAYING GOODBYE AND THANK YOU TO LONGTIME HEALTH CARE VOLUNTEERS

In recognition of their dedicated service to Catholic Charities, we celebrate the incredible work and leadership of three long-serving volunteer health care providers who are retiring.



For more than 34 years, cardiologist **Dr. William Battle** has provided critical care for poor and uninsured patients through the Catholic Charities Health Care Network. He has volunteered with the network since its founding in 1984 and most recently served as the chair of its advisory council.

He has received numerous awards for his commitment to medical volunteerism, including the Points of Light award presented by President George H.W. Bush. He also was received into the Papal Order of Saint Gregory the Great. Despite caring for and saving the lives of hundreds of patients in need, Battle would regularly say, "I do little compared to those in the trenches."

"I am blessed to have worked with such a dedicated and unassuming volunteer specialist who cares deeply and is always willing to give his time and expertise to help those in need," said Sister Romana Uzodimma, program manager. "Dr. Battle would go the extra mile to find resources for the Health Care Network. The compassion and devoted care he

showed to all the patients he served is an inspiration for me. I will miss his mentorship."



Dentists **Dr. Sal Selvaggio** and **Dr. Elvira (Mimi) Bonilla** have volunteered with Catholic Charities for more than 30 years. Dedicated to caring for vulnerable patients, Drs. Selvaggio and Bonilla continued to volunteer even after they retired from their practices.

Both have enthusiastically supported Catholic Charities, including collaborating with the health care network to create a volunteer referral system, assisting with grants from the D.C. Dental Society and supporting fundraising efforts.

In a note to Father John Enzler earlier this year, Selvaggio said, "My experiences at the Spanish Catholic Center, the people who work there and the people we serve have enriched my life."

"Dr. Sal has always been eager to help us, whether it was participating in one of our webinars to discuss dental health or looking for new connections to support our work," said Dr. Lucciola Lambruschini, director of dental services. "And Dr. Bonilla is such a wonderful woman with a big heart. I loved spending time with her and hearing her many stories and memories from her years volunteering at the Spanish Catholic Center. We will miss them both immensely."

## VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

After suspending in-person, onsite volunteer opportunities because of the pandemic, volunteers were welcomed back in limited roles in late spring. Many of the emerging opportunities centered around our expanded food distributions. At the large community food drops across the archdiocese, staff were supported by dozens of volunteers. Those helping included groups of students and staff from high schools, including **St. Vincent Pallotti High School**, **Archbishop John Carroll High School**, and **DeMatha Catholic High School**. The **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** initiative of the **Advisory Neighborhood Commission** in the Mount Pleasant area sends 15 volunteers each week to the Spanish Catholic Center's food pantry giveaway to mark the pavement for social distancing and give out food packages. Volunteers are welcome to pack and distribute food several times a week at various locations. To sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/2Pf4W4g>

## DONATIONS ADD FESTIVE FEEL TO SHELTER

Father's Day was a festive occasion at Adam's Place, a low-barrier shelter in Northeast D.C., thanks to the efforts of volunteers, who made banners to decorate the shelter and created cards that were given to clients. The decorations set the stage for a celebratory meal for the men who stay at the shelter.



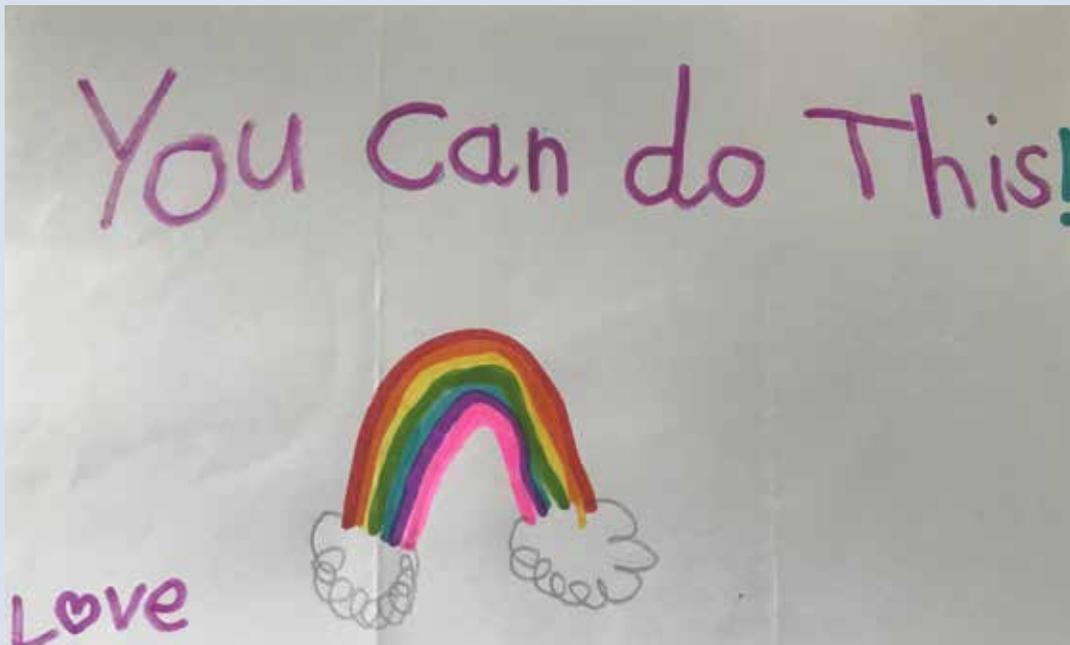
## To CATHOLIC CHARITIES STAFF, WITH LOVE

When volunteers asked how they could help during the pandemic, we suggested notes or drawings of encouragement to share with clients and the dedicated staff who work on the front line of the COVID-19 response. We were delighted with the creative responses: notes, poems, drawings and other pieces of inspiration.

A poem from **Caroline**, a student at **Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart**, was made into a video saluting our staff. "The darkest times bring out the best in people. It's true. The proof is you," Caroline wrote in her poem, "Magicians of the Light." (View the video here: <https://bit.ly/32rkWS4>).

**A group of volunteers** who regularly visit the Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter wrote notes to each shelter staff member. Others wrote notes to our medical staff. And pictures from children included the encouragement, "You've got this!"

Seventh-graders from **Holy Trinity School** in Georgetown wrote poems in honor of our staff. "Thank you for your service to the poor. You only give and ask no more," wrote **Thomas**.



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