



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CHARLES



On Wednesday, I spent the dinner hour in front of our Hickey Center on G Street greeting the homeless and hungry as they arrived for St. Maria's Meals. It's been a routine since I joined Catholic Charities as vice president for mission earlier this year.

As a pastor, I know that a parish's social service commitment grows a community in ways that cannot be measured. So, I was well aware of the importance of Catholic Charities before taking on the role. But the experience of participating in St. Maria's Meals has for me brought to life Catholic Charities' mission of caring for those in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

The idea for St. Maria's Meals began in a conversation between two friends – Father John Enzler and a donor, as they were walking down a street and came upon a homeless person in need of food. After much more discussion and an exploration of options, it was decided that Catholic Charities would regularly invite the homeless and hungry to “our house” – the Hickey Center – for a meal. With that, the idea of St. Maria's Meals was born. The first meal made by volunteers and staff was served in front of our building in January 2012, and the program has expanded from there. Now during the pandemic, our low-barrier shelters are open 24/7 and serve meals. Yet, we still serve up to 75 people at “our house” each Wednesday evening.

Some of those living on the streets of D.C. arrive for dinner early, having partaken in the free meal each week for years. Although some conversation has been curtailed because of social distancing, the regulars like to talk, and I've gotten to know them. Others are all business, take their meal and move on. Most of those lined up for dinner are men, although the ranks include women and, occasionally and sadly, children who accompany a parent.

LAUNCH OF THE NEWCOMER NETWORK



Catholic Charities recently welcomed **Sister Sharlet Wagner** back to Washington, D.C., as the founding director of the Newcomer Network. Thanks to the very generous multiyear investment from the **A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation**, Catholic Charities has launched this innovative program to provide support and stability for immigrants

new to our region.

In the late 1990s, Sister Sharlet served as an intern with our Immigration Legal Services. The experience working directly with the immigrant community was a defining moment in her decision to pursue immigration law, she said.

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I begin each dinner service with a prayer and then join staff members and volunteers in handing out meals.

Handing out a meal is a brief encounter. It's long enough, though, to see suffering on some faces. But with the meal comes a bit of relief and a lot of gratitude. With every meal we give out we say, “God bless you,” and most recipients respond with a “God bless you” in return. It is a reminder that all we have and all we do start and end with our gracious God.

It is in St. Maria's Meals — and all Catholic Charities' programs — that our mission comes alive.

Hearts are moved by service and the involvement in the needs of others. Certainly, mine has thanks to Wednesday dinners.

Msgr. Charles Antonicelli is vice president for mission at Catholic Charities and pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

D.C. MEDICAL CLINIC

TRANSITIONS TO VOLUNTEER MODEL

A new chapter in the history of the medical clinic at the Spanish Catholic Center began last month when the facility reopened as the Volunteer Medical Clinic.

Located in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood of Northwest D.C., the clinic dates to the 1960s when it was the only medical clinic where pro bono doctors provided free care to patients in need. More than 50 years later, there are more than 30 clinics in the D.C. area that provide care to low-income patients.

As a result of the changing health care environment, Catholic Charities decided to transition the clinic to the Volunteer in Medicine model. In returning to its roots, the clinic serves those who need it most — people in the community who are at 250 percent of the federal poverty level and do not qualify for Medicaid or have access to affordable insurance.

Patients are not charged for primary care visits. The clinic is closely tied to Catholic Charities' Health Care Network and provides specialty care services from the area's safety-net clinics. And because Catholic Charities believes in integrated care, behavioral health and dental services are also available at the clinic's D.C. location.



"It is a great gift to open the first Volunteers in Medicine model clinic in our nation's capital, especially during these trying times when many in our community are concerned about their health and may not have access to quality healthcare," said **Brigid Prosser**, director of the clinic.

The Volunteer Medical Clinic is currently open a full day on Mondays and Thursdays for office visits by existing patients. Hours will expand and new patients added with the addition of medical volunteers. Staff is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

True to its name, the clinic is staffed by caring volunteer doctors, nurses and other health care professionals who provide their expertise and time for the benefit of

A CHANCE FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO GIVE BACK

We invite doctors, RNs, nurse practitioners and medical assistants who are looking for a fulfilling way to help others to volunteer their time and expertise at the Volunteer Medical Clinic. For descriptions of volunteer positions and to apply, visit the volunteer section of the clinic's web page: catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer-medical-clinic/



"We provide an opportunity for clinicians to use their skills to give back to the community while providing excellent medical care to those most in need," said Brigid Prosser, clinic director. "We connect clinicians and patients in a caring environment, and everyone benefits from the experience."

the community. Additionally, the clinic has relationships with local medical and nursing programs to provide their students with experiences serving patients.

"It is a great pleasure to work with our patients, who consistently express their gratitude," said **Connie Faltynek**, a pharmacy volunteer. Her primary role is to obtain free or heavily discounted medications for patients who need expensive medications for chronic conditions such as diabetes and asthma.

The clinic fosters a culture of caring.

"As an RN volunteer, I feel that I am an instrument in delivering compassion, dignity and respect to our patients so that they know how important they are and how much we care about them," said **Vera Luz Navarro**, nurse volunteer. "I enjoy doing what I love – helping those most in need."



AROUND THE AGENCY

MEETING BASIC NEEDS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Across our region, about 415,000 people experience food insecurity. This lack of access to meals has dramatically increased with the COVID-19 economic downturn. In response to this need, our large community food distributions continued through the summer with giveaways at Lakeforest Mall in Montgomery County, RFK Stadium and Prince George's County Community College and to essential workers at Holy Cross Hospital, among others. The commitment to address hunger continues through the fall with smaller giveaways to school children and seniors planned in October and large distributions during the holiday months of November and December.



OUR ANTI-RACISM WORK CONTINUES

Catholic Charities has continued its efforts to recognize racism and ensure that anti-racism is part of the culture of the agency and the example it offers. Lunch-and-learn sessions are being held to allow staff to explore issues such as housing barriers. With help from the Archdiocese of Washington, **Arthur Burnett Sr.**, retired DC Superior Court judge, was interviewed about civil rights, and his comments were shared with employees <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35hbud7slGo>. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are included in a strategic plan approved by the Board of Directors. Through our efforts, we continue to stand with all who seek racial justice and to proclaim that Black Lives Matter.

WELCOME TO AMERICA'S NEWEST CITIZENS

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has resumed naturalization ceremonies, and 35 clients of our Immigration Legal Services have been naturalized over the last few months. Among them was an ethnic Nepali with Bhutanese citizenship who spent many years in a refugee camp after being forcibly expelled from the country and was granted refugee status. Congratulations to America's newest citizens.

DURING THE PANDEMIC, OUR SERVICES HAVE INCLUDED:

825,676

Meals distributed across all our food programs

20

Large-scale community food distributions

650

People and families served each week at Spanish Catholic Center Food Pantry in NW DC

1,100

Food bags given out each week by Southern Maryland Food Bank

300

People and families served each week at Montgomery Co. Family Center Food Pantry

1,142

Immigration legal services provided

1,000

People assisted by the Legal Network

250

Facilitated registrations for federal stimulus checks

GENEROSITY OF THE COMMUNITY:

\$2.4 MILLION

In commitments from 1,600 donors to our COVID-19 Response fund

\$32,000+

In-kind and Amazon Wish List donations, which were distributed to clients and children



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER REOPENS

The Child Development Center at the Kennedy School reopened last month after being closed because of the pandemic.

"A great deal has happened in the last six months, and we are anxious to see the changes — babies now walking, toddlers now talking, 3-year-olds now expressing their independence," Barbara Lankster, program manager, wrote to parents. "We have been busy preparing for the new normal in this time of COVID-19." With health safety measures in place, "our outcome will be happy, healthy children," Lankster noted.

WELCOME, NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Catholic Charities is pleased to welcome three new members to its Board of Directors.



Elizabeth B. Meers

Elizabeth is a recognized leader in the education sector. She serves as senior counsel at Hogan Lovells. For more than 30 years, she has dedicated her legal career to issues involving student financial aid, institutional and programmatic accreditation, state education licensure, civil rights,

religious identity and other education-related matters. Named as one of the best lawyers in America, she is an active leader in the Catholic Charities Legal Network and the John Carroll Society. Elizabeth is a parishioner at Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md.



Michael J. Williams

Mike is the chairman of the Board of Directors of Realogy Holdings Corporation, the global leader in real estate franchising, brokerage and service delivery. He has had an extensive career in real estate and housing, including the prior leadership of Prospect Holdings, LLC

and Fannie Mae. Mike currently serves as chair emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Children's National Hospital and as a member of the Board of Trustees for

Drexel University, where he earned his MBA in finance and undergraduate degree. Mike is married to Kathie, and they are parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac, Md.

Leila A. Finucane




An expert in real estate, affordable housing and community development, Leila is president of Victory Housing. An attorney, her career has spanned roles across the private, nonprofit and government sectors with organizations such as Capital One, NeighborWorks America and the Department of Housing and Community Development for the District of Columbia. Leila's work has been recognized by several associations, and she serves on the boards of Habitat for Humanity of Washington and the National Housing Trust Community Development Loan Fund. She holds a master's degree in urban planning and a Juris Doctor degree from New York University. Leila is a parishioner at St. Joseph's in Washington, D.C.

Two board members were elevated in leadership positions. **Kevin Virostek**, greater Washington managing partner at Ernst & Young, serves as board chair, and **John Veihmeyer**, former chairman of KPMG International, is vice chair. **Robert Trone**, co-owner of Total Wine & More who had been board chair, became chairman emeritus.

The announcement of the board was made in September after a recommendation for election by Archbishop Wilton Gregory and approval by corporate board members.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
VIRTUAL GALA
SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 6:30 PM
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Chef and Humanitarian
Honorary Gala Chair

MAGGIE ROSE
Entertainment

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CATHOLICCHARITIESDC.ORG/GALA

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Over the course of her ministry with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, she led immigration programs and served in elected leadership roles, including two terms on the General Council of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and one term in the presidency of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Following a sabbatical, Sister Sharlet answered a call to serve at the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington in the same community where she originally was inspired.

Sister Sharlet considers herself a citizen of the world. Her ministry led her to living internationally and having varied cultural experiences. She often felt like a newcomer in her surroundings and has developed a keen understanding of what being a newcomer means to others.

"One of the most important things when supporting newcomers is providing access to social resources and experiences," she said. "This enables stronger and more successful legal outcomes."

In her new role with Catholic Charities' Newcomer Network, she will recruit and hire a new team of navigators to steer clients to resources across Catholic Charities' 55+ programs and Catholic Charities' partners in collaboration with Immigration Legal Services. The pilot phase of the program will launch late this year.

In her first months on the job, she has quickly recognized that the Newcomer Network can aid immigrants holistically in ways that other social service agencies in the area cannot. By leveraging long-standing relationships held by our Parish Partners program, the agency can reach newcomers in their home communities and expedite the delivery of comprehensive services.

The Newcomer Network's outreach goal over the next seven years is to provide 25,000 immigrants with legal services and 3,000 high-need clients with enrichment and comprehensive care — all with the goal of helping them to build futures.

Catholic Charities sends a very special note of appreciation to the **A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation** for its pioneering investment in our mission and vision to welcome the newcomer. And welcome, Sister Sharlet. Thank you for "Saying YES" to leading this innovative pilot program.

Watch for an invitation to a virtual meet and greet with Sister Sharlet early next year to learn more about the Newcomer Network.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL NETWORK VIRTUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 1-31, 2020

The 17th Annual Catholic Charities Legal Network Golf Tournament is being held virtually during the month of October. Gather your foursome, and golf in the spirit of the legal network on the course of your choice. Submit your score to the legal network to be included in the competition. Players will be recognized and trophies awarded during a virtual gathering from 4 to 6 p.m. on **Friday, Nov. 13**.

For information on sponsorship and to register, visit
catholiccharitiesdc.org/ccln-golf-sponsorship-registration

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? WELL WITH THESE TIPS

Because the pandemic has kept most of us at home for the past six months, many people have been inspired to pick up new hobbies. Gardening has become a popular quarantine activity in cities and towns throughout the region.

To support new apartment agriculturalists and suburban farmers, we've asked **Lynn Brooks**, a graduate student at the University of Maryland College of Agriculture, for gardening tips. Brooks is the lead farmer for the Mona Farm at our **Susan Denison Mona Center** in Temple Hills, Md., which produces a bounty of produce for our food programs.



Brooks' tips:

- Understand how much space you have to work with and be sure to read how much space is recommended on seed packets. This will help prevent overcrowding and plants competing for nutrients
- Understand your soil. Test it to determine if it's well-draining and if it needs amendments.
- Determine your sources of

sunlight and how much your plants need. Typically, plants need six to eight hours of sunlight.

- Have a plan to control pests from destroying your crops.
- Plant flowers in and around your garden to attract flying pollinators like bees and butterflies that will help your plants thrive.
- Make sure pots are clean and sterile. Using well-draining soil can help with this.
- Make sure your plants have easy access to water.
- When in doubt, start small. Flowers like marigolds, begonias and impatiens are great for beginners. If you're looking to grow vegetables, bell peppers, basil and mint are perfect for those starting out.

Now that we are in fall, Brooks has seasonal suggestions.

"There are several options for fall plantings," she said. "One of my favorites is bulbs. For vegetables, radishes are wonderful. Spinach is also great, and it gets better when it 'over-winters,' meaning it stays in the ground until March or April of the next year." Additionally, garlic can be planted in November and harvested in June.

Other fall vegetables are broccoli, collard greens, kale, beets, Brussels sprouts and cabbage. The Mona Farm plants these in August for harvest in late October.



TENDING THE GARDEN

The urban farm at the **Susan Denison Mona Center** in Temple Hills, Md., continues to grow. On a Saturday in September, a **University of Minnesota alumni** group helped prepare six garden beds by lining them with landscape fabric and stone.

Two of the beds were filled with a mixture of topsoil and compost. While new

gardening space was being prepped, the volunteers also harvested vegetables from older beds. Sixty-seven pounds of butternut squash, 13 pounds of cantaloupe and 15 pounds of Roma tomatoes were harvested, along with jalapeños and bell peppers.

The produce grown at the urban farm is used in meals prepared for our food programs by the **KitchenWork** catering and pilot job training program. Farm volunteers are welcome on Monday and Saturday mornings. To volunteer, visit the sign-up web page: catholiccharitiesdc.org/mona-center-farm-volunteer



Fall is also the time to wash and sterilize pots in preparation for spring planting. The soil in pots should be replaced every year.

The Mona Farm is a fully functional urban farm operated by the University of Maryland School of Agriculture and located at the site of a former parking lot on the Mona Center property. The farm generates produce and herbs that are used by our food assistance programs to ensure the people we serve have access to healthy, nutrient-rich food.

Visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/mona-center-farm-volunteer for information on helping at the farm on Monday and Saturday mornings. Share photos of your own garden with us on social media by tagging **@CCADW**.

HOLIDAY PREVIEW

BE THE REASON WE CAN SAY 'YES'

The last several months have looked very different than anything we've experienced. For many of the people and families we help, the changes in their lives have been profound. Not only are they challenged by keeping themselves safe from COVID-19, but many also have lost jobs in the widespread unemployment crisis.

Can you imagine not having enough to eat or not have the ability to provide a healthy meal or snack for your child? At Catholic Charities, we have seen fear in the eyes of hundreds of people who line up each week, many with their children, to receive groceries and meals to-go.

Our response is to meet them with compassion, empathy and love. Our three food pantries, mobile food vans and other community-based programs have provided almost 1 million meals to those who are hungry and food insecure. We have been able to do so thanks to the generous support of thousands of individuals and organizations who have donated resources and time during the pandemic.

Hunger and food insecurity are pervasive across our region, and these issues are evident among the most vulnerable. According to the Capital Area Food Bank, "The number of people experiencing food insecurity in D.C. and the surrounding suburbs will rise by 48 to 60 percent."



Our commitment remains: To alleviate the hunger and worry our clients have about where their next meal will come from, especially as we head into the colder months and holiday season. On Nov. 15, we will pause to reflect on **World Day of the Poor**, as Pope Francis calls on all to offer hope and consolation to the poor.

In his message for the observance of this day, Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of generosity. He said, "Prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable."

Be on the lookout in November for the launch of our annual **Virtual Food Drive** and support our food programs as we remain invested in feeding our hungry neighbors.

ANGEL TREE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO SERVE CHILDREN



Ann and John Davis

With the holiday season only weeks away, it's time to think about the annual Angel Tree, a popular tradition that provides gifts to needy children throughout D.C.

From Black Friday through the second week of December, donors can support children and families in need through monetary gifts that will be used to order items on their Christmas wish lists. Unlike in years past, gifts themselves will not be accepted.

While this holiday drive looks different this year because of the pandemic, it's become more important than ever to help struggling families because the need continues to grow. We anticipate that more families will register for

Angel Tree than in previous years. Your generous support will ensure that every child will wake up on Christmas morning to see gifts under the tree.

Last Christmas, 1,092 children from 25 Catholic Charities programs received gifts. "Your gifts are a true blessing to me and my family," wrote one parent whose family receives mentoring services at our Southeast Family Center. "Your acts of kindness warmed our spirits and souls."

Angel Tree is a celebrated program that has long brought our entire community together.

The President's Council was among seven groups that coordinated contributions to last year's drive. Led by **Ann Davis** and **Lynda Camalier**, the council "adopted" 100 families in 2019, providing gifts for more than 295 children. Lifetime friends, Davis and Camalier talked over the opportunity to serve as the council's Angel Tree chairs when it became available five years ago. They agreed to serve for a year but quickly renewed for four more. "We have loved setting a good example for our adult children and now, through Angel Tree, for our grandchildren, who help select

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GENEROSITY COMES IN MANY FORMS

By Tara Arras, Chief Development Officer

Most often we begin our charitable involvement with a nonprofit as a volunteer and, as Father John Enzler would say, “dip our toes in the water.” These gifts of time and talent provide a sense of connection and accomplishment, which are often multiplied.

Catholic Charities is blessed with thousands of volunteers and donors who have dedicated hours and contributed donations to help those most in need. For many donor families, this outpouring of support spans decades and generations to ensure the most vulnerable in our community have shelter, enough food to eat and receive the care they need.

I’m often asked about the best ways to make a charitable donation. Here are suggestions on ways to make an investment in Catholic Charities while appreciating additional tax benefits. Your gifts matter and make a difference in the lives of others. Remember, 87% of all gifts go directly to our programs.

Charitable Rollover Gift from your IRA

If you are age 70-1/2 or older, you can direct up to \$100,000 each calendar year to charity from a qualified IRA. The distribution is tax free and must be sent directly to Catholic Charities. (The CARES Act has temporarily suspended the Required Minimum Distribution.)

Donor Advised Funds

One of the fastest growing giving vehicles is the donor-advised fund, which is established at a public charity. It allows you to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants from the fund over time to qualified organizations such as Catholic Charities.

Appreciated Securities

Giving appreciated securities to a qualified organization such as Catholic Charities entitles you to a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the shares and may allow you to avoid capital gains tax. To transfer stock or mutual funds to Catholic Charities electronically, please contact us for our broker information.

Additional ways to make a lasting impact is to name Catholic Charities as a **beneficiary of your estate plan**. A legacy gift provides you and your family the opportunity to create a lasting impact well into the future. If you have

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toys from the wish lists,” Camalier said.

“Supporting 100 families takes a lot of coordination and organization,” Davis said. “But we see matching children with toys and gifts much like completing a jigsaw puzzle. It was a bit challenging at first, but now it’s run as smooth as clockwork.”

As they begin their fifth and final year as Angel Tree chairs for the council, we are thankful for their dedication and stewardship in making Christmas bright for so many families in need.

“While this year will be very different,” noted Davis, “we are honored to fulfill our five-year commitment and bring joy to the hundreds of children this December.”

To learn how you can contribute to making the holidays merry and bright for area children, watch your in-box for an email from our volunteer office or visit our website for information.



named Catholic Charities in your estate plans, please contact us. We would welcome the opportunity to recognize your future philanthropy as a member of our Good Samaritan Society.

We Are Here to Help. You can visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/donate/givingsocieties/ to learn more about these popular ways to give. For information about your charitable gift deductions, please consult a financial advisor. For personal assistance with making a gift or to donate stock, contact me at **202-772-4395** and **Tara.Arras@cc-dc.org**.

On behalf of Father John and all of us at Catholic Charities, thank you for your thoughtful gifts and continued support!

DONORS SUPPORT WOMEN FACING CANCER IN THE NAME OF THE MOTHER

The 15th annual In the Name of the Mother Golf Outing was held on Sept. 11 at Blue Mash Golf Course, with 72 participants supporting the outing's goal of providing financial aid to mothers diagnosed with cancer.

Based on the principle that no mother undergoing cancer treatment should have to worry about keeping her children safe and cared for, the In the Name of the Mother fund was established in 2005 by **Kevin McConville** and his family and friends to honor Megan McConville, Kevin's wife, who passed away from cancer in November 2004.

Money from In the Name of the Mother has provided financial assistance for rent, utilities, house cleaning, medical needs, food, wigs and specialty clothes.

"We would like to thank everyone who contributed to and participated in the 15th annual In the Name of the Mother Tournament," McConville said. "The burden these women bear is increased by the health risks and financial struggles of 2020. We are amazed by the ongoing generosity of our donors and the compassion of the Catholic Charities teams that support these families."

Although funds come from the golf outing, this annual event is about so much more than golf. For 15 years, In the Name of the Mother donors have helped Catholic Charities provide crucial support to mothers battling cancer.

Among those who have benefitted is a mother referred by the Hospital Cancer Center. A single mother of seven children all younger than age 18, she was diagnosed with myeloma in April 2019. While receiving chemotherapy and awaiting a bone marrow transplant, she was referred to

Catholic Charities for assistance.

As the sole provider for her household, she found herself in financial distress when her delicate health allowed for her to work only part time. She was unable to provide for the clothing, shoes and uniforms for her children to attend school, as well as to fix or replace several broken household items.

The In the Name of the Mother fund was able to provide the comfort and necessary household items for her family. Gift cards to buy toiletries, food, clothes, shoes and uniforms for her children were provided. This family also received Christmas gifts during this difficult period.



Catholic Charities continues to be a resource of prayer and support for this family in some of their darkest moments. Recently, they were affected by the COVID-19 crisis and once again received help with groceries.

This mother and her seven children are grateful to the many supporters of the In the Name of the Mother community who stepped up in their time of need.

There are countless stories like this one. The In the Name of the Mother fund has been instrumental in providing basic needs during an already difficult time for many families.

To learn more or to donate, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/inm. By doing so, you are providing the critical safety net needed by so many challenged by cancer.



COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

Are you a current or retired federal employee? If so, there's no better time to Show Some Love. Together,

we can Be the Face of Change by giving to Catholic Charities DC through the CFC. Our designation number is 83997. #ShowSomeLoveCFC

GIVING TUESDAY SAVE THE DATE

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is fast approaching.

At Catholic Charities, we like to settle our hearts and minds on Advent and prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus and Christmastime. As you enjoy holiday celebrations and center on prayerful reflection, we hope you will remember the poor in our midst. Save the date for #GivingTuesday, the global day of philanthropy, on **Dec. 1** and #BeTheReason a family challenged by food insecurity receives groceries this winter.



INSTITUTIONAL GIVING: PARTNERS

INVEST IN OUR PROGRAMS

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

Catholic Charities' Immigration Legal Services program has been awarded an FY2021 **Immigrant Justice Legal Services (IJLS)** grant from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. The funding will support attorneys as they provide consultations or legal services to D.C. residents over a one-year grant period. Additionally, our Pro Bono Program expands the capacity to serve the immigrant community by recruiting, training and mentoring private attorneys to provide pro bono legal representation. With support from IJLS funding, our Immigration Legal Services will continue to provide legal training and mentoring sessions to area attorneys on immigration law topics, including asylum, special immigrant juvenile status, U/T visas (for victims of crimes/trafficking) and VAWA relief (for victims of abuse).

The **Nora Roberts Foundation** has generously renewed its funding support for the Adult Spanish Literacy program, which provides high-quality literacy instruction to Spanish-speaking, low-income individuals who are unable to read and write in their native language. Instructors are trained virtually in a curriculum delivery by a representative of the Salvadorian Department of Education. The literacy program is conducted through three, six-month cycles and results in a certificate. Once individuals have the skills to read and write in their native language, they can enroll in our English as a Second Language courses. In addition, the Nora Roberts Foundation has awarded critical COVID-19 response

support to Catholic Charities' housing programs. The agency operates more than 20 programs, which are open to clients 24/7 to encourage them to stay in place and avoid the risk of COVID-19 exposure.

The **DC Mayor's Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants** has awarded a FY2021 grant in support of Catholic Charities' Welcome Home Reentry Program. The program provides comprehensive assistance to returning citizens, including behavioral health care, employment training, housing, legal assistance and financial literacy training. Staff draw upon the resources of our more than 55 programs and hundreds of community partnerships to ensure that all critical needs are met for returning citizens.

Catholic Charities will receive renewed funding from the **Mary and Daniel Loughran Foundation** in support of our Child Development Center. For over 30 years, the center has strived to be fully inclusive while evolving with best practices by serving children with and without developmental disabilities. Staff focus on early intervention, positive self-esteem, early readiness skills, self-care habits and family engagement. We concentrate our services on families in need and work side-by-side with them to remove hurdles to quality childcare and early education interventions. Renewal funding will enable the center to continue serving students and families during the COVID-19 health crisis, provide quality professional development for staff and enhance our ability to conduct virtual learning.

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

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- Albertsons Companies Foundation
- Anonymous
- Association of American Medical Colleges
- Bank of America Foundation
- BB&T/Truist
- Capital One
- CareFirst
- Catholic Charities USA
- Charles County Community Trust
- Charles County Regional Medical Center
- Cheniere Energy
- A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation
- DC Advisory Neighborhood Commission
- DC Mayor's Office of Community Affairs
- DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, via the Washington Area Community Investment Fund
- Delta Dental Community Cares Foundation
- Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation
- Dr. Bronner's
- Ernst & Young
- FEMA's Calvert County Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- FEMA's DC Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- FEMA's Montgomery County Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- FEMA's Prince George's County Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- FGS Company
- Georgetown University
- Georgetown Visitation
- The Griffin Family Foundation
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
- Maryland Emergency Food Program
- Mary's Center and Briya Public Charter School, in partnership with the Bainum Family Foundation, A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation, Esther A. and Joseph Klingenstein Fund, The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation, and the Richard E. & Nancy P. Marriott Foundation
- Mission & Ministry Impact
- Montgomery County DHHS/Healthcare Initiative Foundation
- M&T Foundation
- W. O'Neil Foundation
- PNC Foundation
- Prince George's County Council
- Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development
- Nora Roberts Foundation
- Share Our Strength No Kid Hungry
- Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus
- United Way of the National Capital Area Emergency Assistance Fund
- UMD Charles County Regional Medical Center
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- Walmart Foundation
- Wawa Foundation
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- Westex Group
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Numerous Family Foundations and Thousands of Individuals

VOLUNTEERISM

WANT TO GIVE BACK? LOOK NO FURTHER

Even during a pandemic, Catholic Charities depends upon volunteers to bring community connection and care to people in need. We are recruiting 50 volunteers who will make a commitment to serve in a remote role once a week for a year. Volunteers will serve in various roles, including as an ESOL instructor, a mentor to the formerly incarcerated, a job readiness instructor and job coach, among others. Deadline to apply is Oct. 14. For details, visit our volunteer page: catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing

CELEBRATING PRO BONO WORK

Pro bono support plays an important role in the work of Catholic Charities Legal Network and Immigration Legal Services. Both programs mark the National Pro Bono Celebration, being held Oct. 25-31, by saluting our volunteers and offering education. They provide training during the period, coordinate with other law groups and make presentations at partnering law firms. **Daniel Clune** is among attorneys providing pro bono work for Immigration Legal Services. "Working with Catholic Charities representing undocumented immigrants on a pro bono basis has given me the opportunity to use my legal skills to assist good people contributing to the growth of our country," he says. For information about joining our pro bono network, visit the volunteer website:

catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing

CHALKING THE WALK



Much of the organization of our food distributions goes on behind the scenes. Take, for example, our food pantry at the Spanish Catholic Center in Northwest D.C. With hundreds of people lining up hours in advance, attention had to be paid to social distancing. Every Tuesday in anticipation of the food pantry giveaway, a team from the **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** initiative in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood draws social distancing markings on the sidewalk. Stretching three blocks around the center, the chalk markings help 600+ individuals and families maintain a safe distance while waiting in line for food at Wednesday's pantry distribution. A volunteer six-member chalking team, coordinated by **Bill Mosley**, is one of many Mount Pleasant COVID-19 response efforts through the grassroots Neighbors Helping Neighbors initiative.



LENDING A HAND

With many people in need not able to participate in our drive-thru food giveaways, we supplemented distributions with direct efforts. With the help of volunteers, food has been given out to residents at apartment complexes in communities particularly hard hit by the pandemic. In early August, volunteers coordinated by **United Planning Organization (UPO)** helped Catholic Charities staff deliver 375 grocery boxes and bag lunches to residents of apartments complexes in Ward 8 of the District.



JOINING IN

High school students. Retirees. Businesspeople. Clergy. Young Professionals. Parents. Kids. Adults. Clubs. Sports teams. Workplace colleagues. Our volunteers reflect the diversity of the Washington area, and it's often that we have a few special guests pitch in as volunteers at events. At an August food distribution at RFK Stadium, two city officials were included among the ranks of volunteers: **Christopher Rodriguez**, director of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, and **Christopher Geldart**, director of the Department of Public Works. Joining us at a September food distribution at Prince George's County Community College was new school president, **Dr. Falecia D. Williams**.





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