

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

## TELL CITY

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*Greetings to all from Catholic Charities!*

*Spring 2007*

It is hard to believe it is past Easter and we are in the midst of spring. I love this time of year – everything is so new and shiny; we are reminded of God’s many gifts to us through the flowering trees, the beautiful flowers blooming everywhere and children playing outside filling the air with their laughter.

We will be communicating with you in the form of a newsletter three to four times a year; we hope to keep you updated on what is going on with Catholic Charities Tell City and remind us all of the work that is before us.

I have been on the job for a year now and it has been a most exciting and rewarding time for me. I have often remarked that God has had me training for this position for a long time. My family has endured some hardships in the past and I often wondered where my life would take me. Now I know. God needed to educate me on a few aspects of life before he put this challenge in my path. I am ever so grateful and I thank Him daily for this opportunity to be an agency director for Catholic Charities and to represent the Archbishop

of Indianapolis to our neighbors in the Tell City Deanery.

Exciting things are going on for our deanery through the work of Catholic Charities. However, it takes everyone working together to get the job done. I will be contacting some of you in the future to help out with various projects; please let your priest know if you are interested in assisting Catholic Charities. With your continued prayers and sharing of your abilities, we can accomplish much together.

God bless you for all you do to share the many blessings we have been given with those most in need.

Peacefully,

Joan A. Hess  
Agency Director



### Newsletter Sign-up

We are trying to communicate more with everyone in the area. Currently we are distributing newsletters through our Catholic parishes and other community groups. If you would like future newsletters mailed or e-mailed directly to you, please let Joan know at [jhess@CatholicCharitiesTellCity.org](mailto:jhess@CatholicCharitiesTellCity.org) or 812-547-0903.

### Fifth Sunday Collections

Most of our Catholic parishes in our deanery have agreed to host second collections on the fifth Sunday of the available months to benefit our agency. All funds donated stay here in our deanery to help our neighbors in need. For the remainder of 2007 these months have five Sundays: July, September and December.

**Donations can be used year-round. Please mail checks payable to *Catholic Charities Tell City* to the agency. We also have electronic fund transfer available from your checking or savings account. Contact Joan directly for more info.**



## Saturday, May 12 Food Drive: They're coming right to your door!

The National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO) will conduct the nation's largest food drive to combat hunger on Saturday, May 12 in all 50 states, including in our deanery: Crawford, Perry and Spencer Counties. On that day, letter carriers will collect non-perishable donations as they deliver mail along their postal routes.

The 15th annual NALC National Food Drive is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Carriers collected 70.5 million pounds of food in the 2006 drive, the third consecutive year the effort has exceeded 70 million pounds.

On Saturday, May 12 we ask you to place one or several canned good food items in a bag -- such as canned meat, fish and soup, and cereals, pasta and rice -- and place at your mailbox. Food collected locally will be distributed locally through the Perry County Food Coalition food bank which is housed with Catholic Charities Tell City.

## Catholic Charities Tell City Programs

Catholic Charities Tell City carries out its mission of helping people improve their lives through its key programs:

- Senior, Children and Family Support: Strengthening Families, Words on Wheels book delivery and Ministry of Consolation along with specialized children's programming allow families to improve their lives.
- Emergency assistance allows families in crisis to alleviate some of their struggles.
- Matrix Lifeline offers assistance to vulnerable pregnant women and mothers.
- Martin's Cloak helps the hungry replenish their home pantries.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Catholic Charities Tell City is to work together as parish communities, fulfilling the call of the Gospel, and to help people improve their lives. We believe that through reaching out in service to those in need, by loving our neighbors as Christ loves us, we not only enrich their lives—but ours as well.