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## Message From the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

**Are we each on our own journey or are we journeying with others?** My years at Catholic Charities have taught me that it is both. Individually, God calls us to those things for which He has equipped us with-special skills, insights, likes, dislikes and talents. There are many difficulties we all need to overcome and countless blessings that can sustain us. But for as unique as each of our lives are, we all share our time together on this earth.

While we navigate our individual journeys, God has placed us in those places where we can touch the lives of others. We can choose to use our skills, talents and life experiences to enrich the lives of those around us. Or, we can give in to our fears that can come alive during our own difficult times and choose to hold on to the gifts God gave us, benefiting no one.

At Catholic Charities, we want to help those in need overcome their fears and encourage connectedness. Daily we encounter many individuals who are looking for solutions to their anxieties and significant challenges. Often their trials are so complex that it feels as though one solution to their most pressing problem is not nearly enough. For many, their difficulties can be so overwhelming that it can be hard for them to see what skills, talents and insights they can bring to their own solutions.

We also encounter those who are eager to share their joys, skills, talents and resources with us to help those whose trials left them feeling lost. These two realities are what have set us on our strategic journey - a comprehensive service model - that responds to the individuals and families we serve holistically - a model in which we approach the people we serve with the assumption that their struggles and joys result from the complex interplay of many different factors.

**Catholic Charities staff provides our program participants and clients with a thorough assessment followed by comprehensive, individualized services to enhance clients' stability in six basic areas: (1) food security; (2) access to support systems; (3) access to safe, reliable, affordable housing; (4) economic security; (5) access to healthcare; and (6) support for personal power.** Whether you are reading this as a donor, community partner or volunteer, know that you are an important part of this journey.

Sincerely,

David J. Bethuram  
Executive Director  
Secretariat for Catholic Charities  
Archdiocese of Indianapolis

 Forward to a Friend



# World Refugee Day

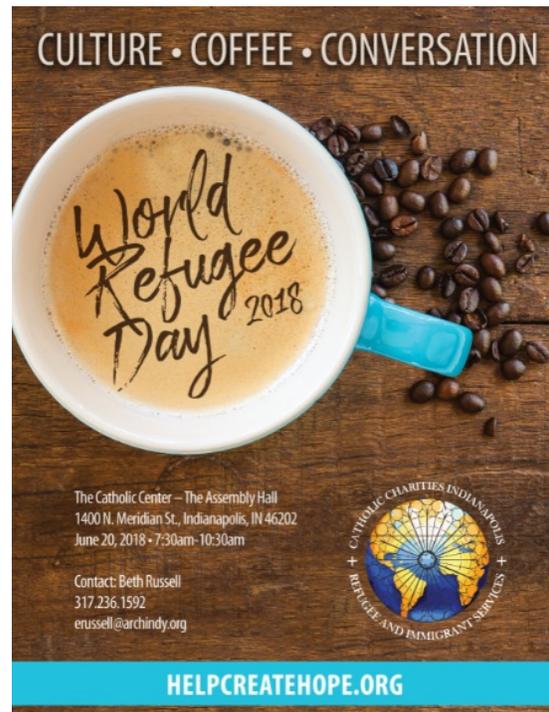
For the past several years, the staff of our Refugee and Immigration Services has hosted a dinner to celebrate World Refugee Day. This year on June 20th, the day will be recognized with a breakfast.

The room will be decorated to represent the various cultures participating in the breakfast.

Guests will sample foods, coffees and teas customary to particular cultures and areas of the world. Additionally, there is no formal program but more of an open house style where guests can arrive and depart when convenient for them. There

is a myriad of entertainment throughout the morning - poetry reading in English and Iraqi that was displayed on the Circle during the month of April, a drum circle, dance and representative of Somalia, Ethiopia, Burma, Iraq, the Congo, etc.

To register click [here](#)



Thank you to our sponsors for this year's event.

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## 17th Annual Bob Coffman Memorial Golf Scramble

This annual golf scramble raises money to benefit our agency's Pregnancy, Adoption & Parenting Programs. Last fiscal year, our services benefited more than 5,784 people directly and indirectly. You can help us make a positive impact on our community and support the mission of St. Elizabeth | Coleman!

Sunday, June 24, 2018  
Bluff Creek Golf Course  
2710 South Old SR 37  
Greenwood, IN 46143

Please [register](#)  
by June 20th!



# Spirit of Service Awards Dinner

Former Indianapolis Colt's player, Joe Reitz, was this year's keynote speaker at the Spirit of Service event held on April 24th. Reitz, who grew up in the Indianapolis area, shared his story of being drafted by the Indianapolis Colts and his first time meeting Payton Manning. He also shared his principles on which he focuses his life. [Read more](#)



Catholic Charities Indianapolis presented four individuals with Spirit of Service Awards during an April 24 dinner in Indianapolis. Award recipients, seated from left, are Michael Isakson, Rita Kriech, Paul Peng Hnin and Dr. Michael Patchner. Standing, from left, are David Bethuram, executive director of the archdiocese's Catholic Charities, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson and keynote speaker Joe Reitz. (Submitted photo by Rich Clark)

## Feature Video



## Honoree Videos





## Walking for Dreams



*Some of this year's walking team supporting the efforts of Catholic Charities Indianapolis.*

Catholic Charities Indianapolis participates annually in the Walking for Dreams event hosted by the Dodson Group. This year's event was held on Sunday, May 20. This is an opportunity for Catholic Charities to fundraise and friendraise while encouraging healthy living. Funds from this year's event were targeted to support the Catholic Charities Indianapolis programs of St.

Elizabeth|Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services as well as Refugee and Immigration Services.

The 5K event is held the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend along the Indianapolis Canal. Please get a head start on marking your calendar to join us on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

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