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Catholic Charities

Fall News 2018



MISSION STATEMENT The staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities Indianapolis are called by the Gospel to uphold the dignity of all people. Guided by Catholic social teaching, we consider it a privilege to deliver compassionate and caring service to help and empower those in need.

SAVE THE DATES

Notre Dame band to "play" a visit to A Caring Place

Date: Wednesday, October 17th
Time: 1:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.
Location: A Caring Place at Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4609 North Capitol Avenue
Details: All are welcome for this free concert

Raffle drawing for A Caring Place

Date: Friday, October 26th
Time: 3:30p.m.
Location: A Caring Place at Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4609 North Capitol Avenue
Details: \$50 donation to A Caring Place = 1 ticket. Need not be present to win.

Fall Fest at St. Elizabeth/Coleman pregnancy and adoption agency

Date: Saturday, November 3rd
Time: 3:00-6:00pm
Location: 2500 Churchman Ave.
Details: Bring your family and friends and enjoy FREE activities, such as face painting, games and more. We will also offer food, smores and drinks for a small fee. Come and spend an afternoon with our staff; meet new and old friends and discover their connection to adoption. Join us to bring together our adoption community in our own backyard! Please call Christine at 317-787-3412 for more info.

Christmas Store

Dates: Tuesday, November 27th through Tuesday, December 18th
Details: Please visit www.Archindy.org/ChristmasStoreHelp

Simple Soup and Bread Luncheon to benefit the Crisis Office

Date: Holy Thursday, April 18th
Time: 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Catholic Center
Details: Reflection and prayer

Spirit of Service annual benefit for Catholic Charities

Date: Tuesday, April 30th
Location: Indiana Roof Ballroom
Details: Dinner, awards, and silent auction items. To sponsor a table, please contact Cheri Bush, cbush@archindy.org 317-236-1411

18th Annual Golf Scramble to benefit St. Elizabeth/Coleman pregnancy and adoption agency

Date: Sunday, June 23rd
Time: noon
Location: Bluff Creek Golf Course
Details: Shotgun start at 1:15pm, dinner and door prizes to follow

To sponsor an event, contact Cheri Bush at cbush@archindy.org

Catholic Charities turns 100 (in 2019)

In 1919, Catholic Charities was founded to serve the poor and hurting of the Indianapolis community. The Indianapolis community enables us to continue this important work by generously volunteering to help us. Each year, well over 1,000 volunteers donate over 100,000 hours to our Christmas Store, A Caring Place, St. Elizabeth/Coleman pregnancy and adoption services, Holy Family Shelter, Crisis Office, Refugee and Immigrant Services, Senior Companion Program, Retired Volunteer Service Corps (RSVP), Neighborhood Youth Outreach and our Counseling program. When you combine the power of volunteers with the power of our staff of almost 100, the impact is remarkable. We are grateful and humbled to offer opportunities to live Catholic social teaching every day and look forward to celebrating our birthday with you!



Cheri Bush
Director of Mission
Advancement for
Catholic Charities

Join our mission

Last year, Terri Jones* came to the **Crisis Office** because she needed food, clothing and help purchasing birth certificates for her two grandchildren who had moved in with her and her husband. (Birth certificates are required when applying for Medicaid coverage, food stamps and any other benefits that the family might be entitled to receive.) Terri also needed help obtaining furniture for the children's bedroom.

The Crisis Office immediately responded with clothing, food and the money for two birth certificates. Additionally, we provided a referral to St. Vincent DePaul for bedroom furniture.

The Jones family returned the following week to personally thank us and give us an update on all the blessings they had received. The bedroom furniture had been delivered. Terri's grandchildren had adjusted well to their new school. Terri



was able to apply for Medicaid and food stamps for the children and had been told that they should qualify.

The Jones family knows that the Crisis Office can help in a pinch. Every now and then, we provide basic needs since Terri's husband was diagnosed with some serious health issues and is in treatment at the VA hospital. With the help of the Crisis Office,

the Joneses can avoid crises and focus on their time together.

*Thank you for your support of this family and others like it. For information on how to volunteer for any of our 12 programs, visit helpcreatehope.org and click on **Volunteer**.*

**name changed to provide privacy*

Raffle to support A Caring Place Adult Day Service



For almost 30 years, A Caring Place adult day program has offered therapeutic recreation and socialization for adults, 50 years of age and older, with physical and cognitive impairments. Last year, we served almost 40 people and provided over 3,900 meals.

\$50 raffle ticket for a chance to win: \$200 St. Elmo gift certificate, overnight stay at the JW Marriott and TWO Colts tickets to the NY Giants game on Dec. 23rd

Mail check payable to: ACP-Catholic Charities 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis 46202

Drawing on Friday, 10/26/18 at 3:30pm. Thank you for your support of A Caring Place!



World Refugee Day Celebration

Each year, we honor those who have literally run for their lives by inviting the community to celebrate their new life in America. Food, drink, dance, fashion and live music provided the background for friendship and celebration at the Catholic Center on June 20th.

"Many people mentioned experiencing a peace and a communion with all the different peoples at this event. Some felt the Lord's presence."

"It was a real celebration of our brothers and sisters."

Since 1975, Catholic Charities has resettled over **20,000 refugees** in the Indianapolis area. We have 40 years of commitment to promoting human dignity by assisting refugees' transition to a new community. Our compassionate services empower refugees to achieve self-sufficiency. For more on this program, visit www.helpcreatehope.org and click on Refugee and Immigrant Services.

(Staff members, Flor Bickel, Heidi Smith and Michele Schrougham pose with participants from Palestine.)



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