



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg E-News October 2015

Welcome to the e-newsletter from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg. This brief publication will give you an update on the latest news and happenings from our agency.

Message from the CEO

Dear Friends,

The mission of Catholic Charities is to put our faith into action by caring for those who come to us in need, regardless of their circumstances, background, religious preference or ability to pay. Every day, we help homeless families, pregnant women, children who need a home, those overcoming addictions, the sick, the elderly, the hopeless and the poor. We never turn a client away. Furthermore, most of our services are offered at minimal or no cost to the client. This is possible through the generosity of our funders, the Diocese of Harrisburg, the contributions of parishioners, individual donors, corporations, and religious and civic organizations.

We strive to provide the highest quality in social services and the most comprehensive array of programs available in our communities. I will continue to work closely with our Board of Directors, management and staff to achieve our strategic goals and make the most of our financial and human resources.

The socio-economic and political landscape is constantly changing. Our challenge is to effectively respond to the complex needs of the communities we serve, while competing for limited public and private dollars.

We encourage you to get involved through prayer, volunteerism, advocacy, and giving. [Learn how you can get involved](#) and help us share the love of Christ by helping those less fortunate.

May God bless you,

Mark A. Totaro, Ph.D.
Executive Director/CEO

Featured Program – Lourdeshouse Maternity Home

Since 1959, Lourdeshouse Maternity Home has provided specialized, comprehensive maternity care and residential services to pregnant women in South Central Pennsylvania who have no other means of support. Click [here](#) to read about the important work being done each day at the program.

Shelter Shuffle 5K – September 12th

The 11th annual Shelter Shuffle 5K Run/Walk took place on Saturday, September 12th on the grounds of the former Harrisburg State Hospital (across from the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg). Over 100 individuals participated. The top male runners were Nathaniel Ruff (16:43), Joseph Leighter (17:53), and Jesse Murphy (20:58). The top female runners were Dani Welsh (24:30), Gaby Everest (24:53), and Mari Lynn Dare (25:04). Click [here](#) to view all participant times. All proceeds from the Shelter Shuffle benefit the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families.

Come and See Dinner – September 29th

The annual Catholic Charities Come and See Dinner which took place on Tuesday, September 29th at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. The evening included a reception and auction, buffet dinner, and remarks by Dr. Carolyn Woo, President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services is the official humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Each year Catholic Relief Services reaches more than 130 million people in nearly 100 countries. All proceeds from the Come and See Dinner will benefit the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing – Evergreen House, Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home.

Notre Dame Football Ticket Raffle

Our annual Notre Dame Football Ticket Raffle is underway. Two prizes will be awarded. Each prize includes two tickets to the Notre Dame vs. Wake Forest Football Game on November 14th and \$500 cash. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. Drawing will be October 30th. Contact Chris Meehan at 717-657-4804 (ext 284).

Support Catholic Charities

As the fall season continues and the calendar quickly approaches the holiday season, many individuals begin to think about their calendar year-end charitable giving. Catholic Charities relies heavily on the generous financial contributions of those who support us with their charitable gifts. All of the services offered by our agency are provided regardless of age, creed, religion, or ability to pay. Please consider supporting our important work. Your financial contribution will provide help and create hope for those in need.

There are various methods to make your gift to Catholic Charities. For more information, visit our [Donation Page](#).

United Way Campaigns Underway

Did you know that Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg is a program partner with the United Way? As a United Way donor, you may direct all or part of your gift to a program partner agency. If you would like to designate our agency to benefit from your United Way contributions, our information is:

Agency Name - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Inc.
Federal Tax ID # 23-1494791

Thank you for your consideration and your generosity!

Do you have clothing to donate?

The Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families is a partner with [Community Aid Pa](#). If you have clothing to donate, please consider utilizing the tan collection bins at Keller Williams Realty (530 N Lockwillow Ave, Harrisburg), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (310 Hertzler Rd, Mechanicsburg), or at the Derry Township Recycling Center (650 Clearwater Rd, Hershey).

We are also looking for additional locations to house donation bins. If you can help, please contact Christopher Meehan at cmeehan@cchbg.org or 717-657-4804 (ext 284).

Connect With Us

There are numerous ways to stay connected with Catholic Charities:

- For a list of our various office and programs, visit our [Contact Page](#)
- Check out our [website](#)
- Visit our [FaceBook Page](#)
- Follow us on [Twitter](#)

Thank You!

Thank you for your continued interest and support of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg. We are blessed by the work we do each day to provide help and create hope for those in need and grateful for the generosity of our benefactors.