

Providing Help. Creating Hope.

Annual Report 2015-2016



A Message from the **Managing Director**



Dear Friends,

"Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, PA, rooted in the gospel and social teachings of the Church, is the primary social service agency of the Diocese. Our mission is to serve the human needs of individuals and families, regardless of their religious affiliation, and to provide leadership in building collaborative efforts with parishes and communities in addressing these needs."

This is our mission and currently we find ourselves in the 62nd year of performing this ministry in the Diocese.

Consider the dilemma of many of our clients: numerous individuals or families who are alone and don't have a support system of extended family or friends in their time of need. Countless people have little or no income, meager or non-existent savings, and often no money for food. Our response at Catholic Charities has always been to make important connections for these people. We show them with our actions that, indeed, they are not alone.

Day in and day out our devoted board, staff and volunteers respond to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people in need in the four counties of the Diocese. The ministry of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Greensburg is provided for through the goodness of many people. First and foremost is the generosity of people of the Diocese of Greensburg and the generous support of Bishop Malesic and his predecessors. In addition we receive the support of all of the United Ways in which we participate, an ongoing collaboration with many local service agencies, our cooperative efforts with both government offices and local utility companies for assistance with food, heating fuel, telephone, electric, and housing needs, and most important; a partnership with our parishes and the St.Vincent DePaul organization of the Diocese of Greensburg, as well as churches and houses of worship of many denominations and faiths throughout the Diocese.

To paraphrase Pope Benedict from his Encyclical "Deus Caritas Est"; "...the work of charity is the work of every Catholic." God's love is the foundational energy of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg. This Diocese has been a living example of that reality for over 62 years. Please pray in a special way for those currently engaged in the work of Catholic Charities that they may continue to be strong. The task becomes progressively more difficult as the demands of an increasingly harsh social climate bring people to our doors in ever more desperate need, and with fewer resources to respond to their problems.

With your help may our ministry continue to grow and expand. Thanks to everyone who has played a role in this great story of service and dedication.

In Christ,

Kaymond E. Riffle

The Rev. Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, M.S.W., M.P.A. Managing Director



On April 21, 2016, Catholic Charities hosted the Eighteenth Annual Communities of Salt and Light Award Dinner at Stratigos Banguet Centre in North Huntingdon, PA. Each year the event honors individuals in the categories of Humanitarianism and Philanthropy as well as the group efforts of the Human Service Organization category. The dinner has grown to become the largest fundraising event for Catholic Charities. One hundred percent of the net profits from the dinner are used to provide emergency material and financial assistance to individuals throughout the four county diocese who are in need.

In August Catholic Charities traveled to the Laurel Highlands to host the annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing. In 2015, Ligonier Country Club was home to the event. Participants enjoyed 18 holes of golf followed by a meal and fellowship. As with the Salt and Light Dinner, one hundred percent of net profits are used to assist individuals faced with hardships. Help comes in the form of utility bill payment, heating fuel, shelter, emergency food boxes, infant diapers and formula. To date over one million dollars have been raised by the annual Salt and Light Dinner and Paul R. Smiy Golf Outing.



the annual Communities of Salt and Light Award Dinner on April 21, 2016 at Stratigos Banguet Centre in North Huntingdon. The dinner now in its eighteenth year honored Officer Jeffrey J. Kuntz, Humanitarian, Mr. and Mrs. George Caric, Philanthropists, and Crosskeys Human Services, Inc. Outstanding Human Service Organization. The honorees are pictured receiving this esteemed award from The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, J.C.L.,





The Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund was established by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt in December 2009 to allow for better support of local organizations in the Diocese of Greensburg that completely accept and promote the mission of the Catholic Church in their care for the poor and needy.

Requesting and Receiving Funds

Grant proposals will be reviewed once each year in January. Requests for funding are accepted throughout the year, and must be received or postmarked by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on November 2nd. Applications received after the deadline will be considered for funding during the next cycle. When submitting a request:

- 1. Be specific with the nature of the request and the amount requested.
- 2. The amount being requested should be at least \$750 and not exceed \$5,000.
- 3. Each grant proposal should address only one project.

4. Please note: The committee does not approve multiple year funding or general operating grants. Also, the committee will not review a list of projects and select one that is appealing.

Qualified grant applications will be reviewed and award decisions will be made according to the date of the application.

If a grant is awarded to an organization, the proceeds of that grant will not be distributed to, or be used to benefit, any other program or organization other than the applicant.

The Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg reserves the right to adjust grant request award amounts based on funds collected/available for disbursement. Catholic Charities also reserves the right to request return of monies not utilized within the grant usage period, or if close-out report is not received by March 31st of the following year. Additionally, after a review of the close-out report(s), Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg reserves the right to request the return of a portion, or all, of the money if the use of the grant money is not determined to be in accordance with the exactly stated parameters of the grant request award letter. Questions should be directed to Heather Rady at 724-837-1840.

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Since its inception in 2009, the Poverty Relief Fund Grant has distributed a total of \$353,986 in grant monies through the end of fiscal year 2015-2016.

December 2015 Grant Cycle

Wesley Health Center	\$10,000
St. Vincent DePaul / St. Paul Parish, Utility Super Fund	\$10,000
Brownsville Area Ministerial Assoc. / Rendu Services	\$10,000
Christian Layman Corps	\$10,000
Genesis House Ministries, Inc Uniontown	\$10,000
Feeding the Spirit	\$10,000
Alternatives. Yes	\$10,000
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June 2016 Grant Cycle

Chevy Chase Community Center	\$5,000
Fayette County Community Action	\$4,500
Mother of Sorrows	\$6,000
St. James the Greater SVDP	\$6,000
Westmoreland County Food Bank	\$4,500



The Counseling Center at Catholic Charities provides a caring and professional response to people with a wide variety of painful or challenging circumstances.

- Loss...of loved ones, of relationships, of employment.

- Abuse, Addictive Behavior, Anxiety, Depression, Health Issues, and Interpersonal Conflict

Catholic Charities provides confidential counseling services which support the human dignity of the person, engender hope, help people identify strengths and resources, gain new knowledge, skills and coping strategies, and expand their possibilities for the future.

Counseling Support and Services

Individual Counseling, Marital or Couple Counseling, Family Counseling, Project Rachel Counseling, Gambling Problems, Drug & Alcohol Assessment, Grief, Bereavment, Anxiety, Depression, Men's Anger Group, Military Issues

Affordable

Because Catholic Charities is strongly supported by the Diocese of Greensburg, contributions from individual donors and United Way appeals, the agency is able to offer its counseling services at affordable rates.

Counseling fees are based on income and family size. Many types of insurance are accepted.

Confidential

Catholic Charities' counseling fees are always less than the prevailing rates for comparable services. Catholic Charities recognizes persons seeking counseling services have the right to confidentiality. Information they provide will be treated with respect and confidentiality by all staff.

Catholic Charities is committed to maintaining client confidentiality with the exception of disclosures required by Federal and State laws.

Inclusive

Catholic Charities provides counseling services to all residents living within the four-county Diocese of Greensburg (Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana, and Westmoreland) regardless of religion, race, sex, age, nationality or political belief.

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Counseling handled 1,942 individuals which is made up of individuals, couples, and families who sought counseling as well as participants in the men's anger group and evaluations conducted for the Matrimonial Tribunal.



Since its inception in 1954, the goal of the Adoption Center at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg has been to create permanent families for our children. Adoption can be both a rewarding and challenging experience. It is a lifelong process during which both parents and children learn about one another to form a loving, caring and permanent family unit. The Adoption Center offers individuals, married couples and families opportunities to begin or extend their families by preparing a loving and caring home for an infant or an older child.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services to conduct home studies for the residents of Pennsylvania. Once approved, each family is certified for both foster care and adoption. We are Hague Accredited through COA to conduct home studies and post-placement services for international adoption. The range of adoption services provided includes: *Infant, Private, Older Child, Special Needs, Interstate, and International.*

To make the adoption process more personal and to create a positive foundation for the possible future exchange of information with the birth parent(s), placements can involve the option of openness. Some examples of an open adoption are face-to-face visits, and the exchange of letters, pictures and/or child development information following the completion of a legal adoption. Completely closed adoptions are also possible.

Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network Affiliation

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is an affiliate of the Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN), which aids in the placement of children who are in foster care and have the goal of adoption. These children may have emotional challenges, physical disabilities and/or mental health diagnoses. They may be in a sibling group, part of a minority group or be close to aging out of the system.

The Adoption Center staff is involved in the preparation of written life histories of these children as well as the family profiles needed to make permanent matches. Support services are also offered to help maintain the stability of the family unit.

Post Adoption Support Services

Through SWAN, Post Adoption Services are available to all children who have been adopted and are under the age of 18. The services include: Case Advocacy / Management; Support Services and Respite.

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We served a total of 40 children and 20 families through infant adoption, international adoption, and various services through the Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN).



Social Ministry empowers parishioners in parishes and regions to act on their faith in their everyday lives and respond to the needs of their brothers and sisters who are poor or vulner-able.

The Office of Pro Life and Social Ministry within Catholic Charities develops partnerships among parishes and regions by providing basic and ongoing programs in social ministry: Basic Parish Social Ministry, Leadership Training for Parish Social Ministers, Legislative Advocacy, Senior Enrichment, Parish Ministry of Care & Consolation, and Parish & Community Networks.

The Pro Life and Social Ministry Office assists regions and parishes in their response to social issues that impact poor and vulnerable people through the development of community networks, direct political advocacy and links to those who legislate social policy.

Pro Life Advocacy promotes a culture of life which recognizes the value in all phases of human existence. The office addresses a variety of issues including: **Respect for Prenatal Chil***dren, Religious Liberty, Dignity of Marriage & Family, Just Labor Relationships & Poverty Relief, Immigration Needs & Faithful Citizenship, Capital Punishment & Criminal Justice, and End-of-Life Decision Making.*

"Justice can reduce differences, eliminate discrimination and ensure the conditions necessary for respect for the dignity of the person. Justice however needs a soul. And the soul of justice is charity, a charity which places itself at the service of every person."

Address of St. John Paul II Vatican City March 31, 1999

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We counseled three pregnant women to help in their decision to place or parent their baby.



At Catholic Charities, Comprehensive Information and Referral offers a caring and confidential response to a person in need. Trained specialists respond to callers and walk-ins with supportive listening, an assessment of needs and short-term case management. This service provides connections to suitable resources and assistance with problem-solving to develop solutions with attainable goals toward self-sufficiency.

Catholic Charities' Information and Referral staff maintain certifications as "Information and Referral Specialists" through the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS). As specialists they are the "data collectors" of social service resources for the four-county diocese and are required to maintain up-to-date information to ensuring referrals and assistance are accurate and appropriate. Catholic Charities' representatives collaborate with local churches, social service agencies, community and religious organizations in Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana, and Westmoreland counties while advocating for clients' rights and responsibilities.

Temporary Emergency Financial Assistance

Catholic Charities can provide temporary emergency financial assistance for safety net services and/or emergency food items based on established eligibility guidelines. Due to limited resources, every effort is made to connect callers with programs and services offered by other organizations. Catholic Charities is committed to its service to the most vulnerable and strives to bring new knowledge of existing programs to these individuals, couples, and families to help them to advocate on their own behalf.

Catholic Charities' Information and Referral Program may also offer emergency financial assistance to victims of disasters. Funding to provide this assistance is based on private grants and is subject to established eligibility guidelines.

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Information & Referral received 16,784 phone calls in 2016. Of that, Catholic Charities assisted 920 families directly with heating fuel, rent, utility assistance, and food boxes. Families in need of a service that Catholic Charities does not provide (e.g. furniture) are put in touch with partner agencies and/or programs to fulfill their needs.

HelpLine 1-866-409-6455. The Catholic Charities HelpLine provides for immediate basic life necessities before, during, and after regular business hours.

> Member of the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS)



Shelly had been living in a two bedroom apartment with her twelve year old daughter. Her teenage son had been living with his father. Because of issues with addiction, the father had to be hospitalized and went into rehab. The Children's Bureau told Shelly, that to have custody of her son, she would have to move into a three bedroom apartment. Shelly had worked her job for five years, but only makes \$9.50/hour. She could not afford the security deposit of \$650, or first month's rent of \$500 to make the move. Fearful that her son would have to be placed in foster care, she came to Catholic Charities for help. We referred her to the Westmoreland County Housing Authority and they helped her with the entire security deposit. Catholic Charities then made a referral to the Bethlehem Project, which paid for her first month's rent. Our agency was the central link in connecting Shelly to the resources that allowed her family to remain together.



A Young woman Breonna who called about rental assistance because she was new mother who had never lived on her own, Catholic Charities was able to help her get into her first apartment with her newborn. Returned to Catholic Charities about two months later for baby items which Catholic Charities was able to assist her with also. Breonna spoke about how the assistance really made all the difference and how well her and baby are thriving in their own home.



Margaret and her husband Jim stopped

at our office with their three month old to inquire about baby supplies. Margaret had taken six weeks unpaid maternity leave and although she had returned to work, they were struggling to buy baby supplies. They also mentioned they had a termination notice for their electric bill and had tried many of the churches and agencies in the area to find help. We were able to assist them with diapers, a voucher for formula, bottles, and baby clothes. We contacted the electric company and were able to pledge the money needed to stop the termination. The family recently had signed up for a food pantry but we assisted them with an emergency food box to help them out. The couple was very grateful for the help and commented that we helped restore their faith in humanity.



At Mass we often hear Jesus's instruction to "love your neighbor as yourself". We are all familiar with the story of the Good Samaritan. The parable came in response to a legal scholar's question to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Often people think of human trafficking as something remote. Perhaps they see the person, beaten by robbers, as the Latin American crossing the border into the Southwest to escape poverty or gangsters or both. Maybe, they picture the beaten victim struggling for air with the boatload of Africans floundering in the Mediterranean Sea as they flee the brutal fanatics who destroyed their homes and whole villages. The victim might also be among the 71 people found suffocated in the back of a refrigerated truck in Austria after Bulgarian traffickers promised them a way out of the war torn Middle East and into a more peaceful Germany.

The issue hits closer to home, however, for the members of Greensburg's Human Trafficking Committee. Isn't our neighbor also the person who lives in a shack on the edge of the woods, or who lives just down the street, or who perhaps shares a wall with us in the apartment next door?

Human traffickers take full scale advantage of people in war torn or gangland controlled territories across the globe. Those upheavals make the evening news and bring tears to our eyes. Our faraway neighbors certainly need international help. But the traffickers also operate in more subtle ways and in more nearby locations.

Support is also necessary for the mentally ill or physically challenged individual who is manipulated and dominated by a drug addict for the sake of his disability check or other financial assets. A child brought up in the home of chronically intoxicated parents may try to survive in a drug or sex trade trap because he or she cannot function without the love of family. Drug and sex dealers are always prowling the streets and the electronic networks of the rich and poor alike for vulnerable adolescents. These victims live closer to home and they can benefit from local resources, but they need to feel, to actually know, the strength of the larger community.

We may not often see the heart rending stories of our nearby neighbors play out on the television. But we do hear the loud fights, the breaking glass, and we may even smell the stench of a garbage strewn slum not far from where we earn our paychecks. God does not want us to just shut our eyes and go back to sleep.

Once the legal scholar understood the message of the Good Samaritan, Jesus instructed him to "Go and do likewise." As modern Christians, students of our beloved Jesus, we know we have more to do in the coming Year of Mercy than to just fog up our eyes with tears for the poor. We know the poor, they are our neighbors near and far. Most of us are poor ourselves in one way or another, so in solidarity we should seek ways to help one another. The new Human Trafficking Committee will begin with prayer and education that leads to service.

Pregnancy, Project Rachel / Family Planning - CM-BBT

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg offers assistance to support family decisions. The agency provides a complete menu of services regarding life choices to all individuals and their families regardless of age, marital status, economic condition or religion.

Pregnancy

The agency offers free pregnancy tests. Upon learning of a pregnancy, Catholic Charities can assist in planning for an expected child; whether the choice is to raise the child or plan for adoption.

If the decision is to raise the expected child, Catholic Charities will provide support and counseling throughout the pregnancy, as well as offer referrals for baby items, birthing classes, childcare, parenting classes and other community services. Infant clothing and diapers are available until the child's first birthday.

Should a plan for adoption be the choice, the birth parents have the opportunity to choose the adoptive parents. They may or may not wish to meet and interview the couple, and the adoption may be open or closed. Open adoptions are available under Pennsylvania law to the extent that the birth parents and the adoptive parents agree. Trained mediators are available for the negotiation of these agreements.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel, a ministry of the Catholic Church, offers help to women and men suffering from an abortion experience, regardless of age, religion or connection to the abortion. Designed for those who are struggling after abortion, Project Rachel provides a safe place where specially trained staff can provide hope to help overcome grief and loss.

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We conducted six successful mediations for Post-Adoptive Contract Agreements.

Family Planning with CM-BBT Method

CM-BBT (Cervical Mucus – Basal Body Temperature) instruction is provided by a medically certified professional instructor. The CM-BBT Method is a scientifically based, medical model for Natural Family Planning.

When used correctly and consistently, CM-BBT is 97% effective. Use of the method safely promotes personal health and wellness of body. CM-BBT invites better marriages, enhances communication, and encourages mutual respect and responsibility.



Get Involved

Catholic Charities offers a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers to get involved in the work and mission of the agency. If you are 18 years of age or older, and want to dedicate your time to helping meet the needs of others, please contact Donna Hagan, supervisor of Information and Referral services, at 724-837-1840 ext.1661.

- Staff our HelpLine
- Assist with our Baby Closet
- Assist at events where Catholic Charities provides exhibit tables
- Serve on a Fundraising Committee
- Provide Counseling through our Counseling Center
- Catholic Charities participates in several United Way events through-

out our four county diocese, and welcomes others to join us in this effort.

View our Volunteer Handbook

Note: Training and/or qualified education, as well as PA state and diocesan clearances is required for all volunteers.

Respond to callers in need. Shifts available include:

Weekdays 5:00 p.m. to midnight.

Weekends and holidays 9:00 a.m. to midnight.

Catholic Charities strives to spread our mission community wide. If you'd like to assist us, we can use help at events with distribution of literature and answers to questions about our agency.

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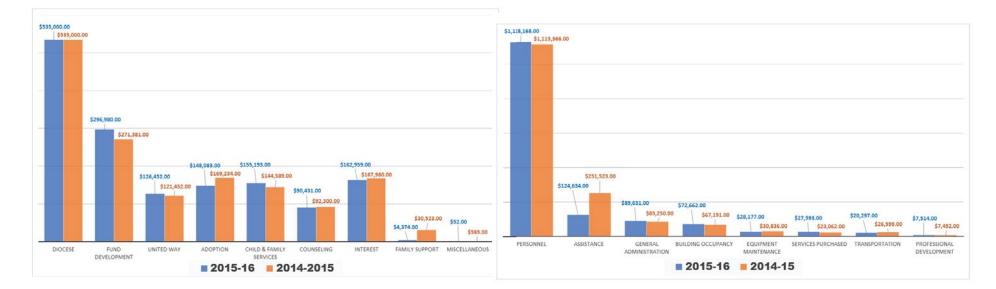


Our volunteers have been very busy! Total volunteer hours...7,301.75 hours with 6,782 hours from the Helpline and 519.75 hours from other Volunteer Activities. The most hours were spent on the Christmas Program (169.5) and Information & Referral (160.25). The Helpline is equal to 3.2 Full-Time Employees with Information & Referral and Christmas each equivalent to one month of full-time work!



REVENUE

EXPENSES



For information concerning the Catholic Charities 2015-2016 audit please refer all inquires to the Catholic Charities main office number at 1-724-837-1840.

Staff Committed to Serve

What we do individually, and as a staff...**Providing Help. Creating Hope.**



Ursula Adams Information & Referral

"It is very rewarding to me that I can be a source of comfort and assistance to those facing difficult times and that the help they receive through Catholic Charities will get them back on the path to self sufficiency."



Amber Blair Supervisor of Adoption / Foster Care

"It is inspiring to work alongside professionals who are equally passionate about helping others and who are motivated to go above and beyond for those we serve."



Lisa Coraro Clerical Support

"I enjoy the interaction with the people in our community that we help, and being part of event prepartion to raise money for our diocese."



Mark Eidemiller Therapist

"Life can be rough, and I love being part of the counseling team that assists people to learn coping skills to be tough."



Cassie Davis Adoption Caseworker

"I have been able to help my clients to believe in something bigger than themselves, to incorporate God and faith in their lives and through my work."



Sharon Grabowski Executive Secretary

"I love working at Catholic Charities because I can help the most vulnerable within our diocese."





Donna Hagan Supervisor of Information & Referral Services and Volunteer Liaison "I am very fortunate to be in a position where I can offer assistance to families in need. Besides financial aid, many of these families seek compassion and supportive listening. It is my privilege to be able to work with these individuals & families."

Kimberly Hunt-Landa Therapist

"I enjoy helping people to smile again after they have gone through a difficult life experience."

Amy Jones Information & Referral "My work at Catholic Charities gives me a chance to treat the folks in our community tenderly with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ while trying to alleviate some of their burdens. It is the best job in the world."

Mary Ann Newhouse CM-BBT Instructor

"Welcoming couples who are choosing NFP, attempting to make ongoing lifegiving and love-giving family decisions affords me many opportunities to support the participants on their journey."

Paul Niemiec Director of Connseling

"I'm grateful to be part of the Church's ministry to people who suffer the emotional pain and spiritual distress of loneliness, depression, family conflict, anxiety, and grief."

Alicia Donnelly Adoption and Foster Care Caseworker

"I enjoy my position as a caseworker for Catholic Charities because every day I have an opportunity to make a positive impact while doing something that I am passionate about."

Mary Ellen Pellegrino Director of Pro Life and Social Ministry

"I love conversing with people, so as Catholic Charities' 'resident spammer', sharing good news is always my favorite task."

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Heather Rady Director of Community Relations & Special Events Group

"My work as Director of Special Events allows me really provide a service to proudly say that 100% of monies raised from all Working here has pro-2 major fundraisers go directly to serve the poor. to do something I truly Catholic Charities does not take administrative fees from its fundraising efforts."

Robert Brinker Therapist/Men's Anger

"I enjoy the opportunity to that no one else provides. vided me an opportunity believe in that provides a real need within our greater community."

Lynn Saxman Therapist

"One of the most fulfilling aspects of my job is being able to work with clients, and instill hope that their problems, issues, and challenges are manageable."

Mary Schafer Receptionist

"I have found it rewarding to be a friendly and caring voice when people call the Agency. Especially for those who are experiencing difficulties."

Susan Seifert Adoption Caseworker

"In my work with adoption and foster care, every day is different with new challenges and many successes."

Jane Szczygiel Volunteer Coordinator

"I like volunteering at Catholic Charities because by helping others there I am also serving the Church I love."



Catholic Charities Diocese of Greensburg, PA Board 2015-2016

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North St. Joseph Parish

1129 Leishman Avenue New Kensington, PA 15068 724-334-4453

South St. Sebastian Parish 801 Broad Avenue Belle Vernon, PA 15012 724-929-4699

Serving Armstrong County in Kittanning:

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe 348 N. Water St. Kittanning, PA 16201 724-548-1009

Serving Fayette County in Uniontown:

Family Service Center 140 N. Beeson Avenue, Suite 406 Uniontown, PA 15401 724-439-3531

Serving Indiana County in Indiana:

St. Thomas More University Parish 1200 Oakland Avenue Indiana, PA 15701 724-463-8806

Helpline: 1-866-409-6455

All Catholic Charities staff and volunteers are mandated reporters of child abuse. All Catholic Charities staff and volunteers maintain current clearances as required by the Diocese of Greensburg and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For more information please refer to Dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Catholic Charities is listed in the Official Catholic Directory and is a non-profit organization, designated as a 501(c)(3) corporation by the Internal Revenue Service. This ruling is issued annually as a group tax exemption for all organizations listed in the current Official Catholic Directory. All contributions to Catholic Charities are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in making a contribution in the form of a financial gift, bequest, or other manner of donation, please contact our Director of Community Relations and Special Events at 724-837-1840 ext. 1504, or visit our website at www. ccharitiesgreensburg.org

Mission Statement

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Non-Profit Status

The official registration and financial information of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



A United Way Organization Catholic Charities is funded by the Diocese of Greensburg, United Way appeals in the four counties of the Diocese, state government and independent contracts, client fees, private foundation grants, individual contributions and bequests.

