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*Serving Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie,
Okeechobee and Indian River Counties.*

September 2021 Quarterly Newsletter

***A Message From Our CEO-Executive
Director***



Dear Catholic Charities Supporters,

This issue of our quarterly newsletter highlights remarkable agency and program accomplishments for the latter part of the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2021. It also provides a glimpse of important developments in the first quarter of this year.

Fiscal year 2020-2021 was a highly productive year for our agency, financially, and otherwise. Thanks to the kind support of our donors and funders, we clearly exceeded our revenue goals in contributions and fundraising, and we had the highest dollar volume in grants ever. Our website continued to flourish and gain online presence, as total online donations also increased substantially. The expedited accreditation we received from the Council on Accreditation for the next four years with no critical standards out of compliance reflects the dedication and excellence of our employees and volunteers and the support and guidance from our Board of Directors. Furthermore, Catholic Charities' reputation and goodwill in the community are at a peak level, as evidenced by unrequested awards of significant funds to fight hunger and prevent homelessness during the pandemic or automatic renewal or expansion of funding in some programs for the current fiscal year.

May the Lord continue to guide us in these difficult times, with your prayers and support, in our collective effort to serve people in need and create hope in all stages of life.

With my deepest gratitude,

Frankie Chevere
CEO-Executive Director

**WOMEN'S
PREGNANCY
SOLUTIONS**
For the answers you need.



**Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach,
recently blessed our new Women's Pregnancy Solutions mobile
ultrasound vans at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius.
Thank you, Bishop!**

Bishop Barbarito is pictured here with Frankie Chevere and Terry Murphy.

This summer, Catholic Charities was blessed with several life saving donations. God's Resources, Inc. donated 2 Mercedes Sprinter mobile ultrasound vans (valued at \$150,000) to Catholic Charities knowing that we are a trusted pro-life organization and that we would carry on their mission of protecting the unborn. The vans require ongoing TLC just like all new additions to a family, and the need for additional funds became apparent. Thanks to swift action by our Board of Directors, an anonymous donor stepped forward with a check for \$50,000. Hearing of the newly acquired vans and envisioning how this would grow the Respect Life Ministry, the Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Centers and the newly formed Women's Pregnancy Solutions program, Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, matched the anonymous donation

with a check for \$50,000 from the Diocese of Palm Beach. We are extremely grateful to Bishop, God's Resources, Inc., our anonymous donor and all those who so graciously support our pro-life efforts. If you would like to join Bishop Barbarito with a donation of your own, please call 561-775-9567. Thank you.



Employees of Birthline/Lifeline and God's Resources cut the ribbon on a new program for Catholic Charities, Women's Pregnancy Solutions, with Marietta Muina McNulty and Frankie Chevere.

Through our new Women's Pregnancy Solutions mobile units, we will reach abortion minded women throughout the 5 counties of the Diocese of Palm Beach. Often, women think that abortion is their only choice. They are asking friends for advice, searching for resources on social media, turning to the internet seeking answers or they go straight to an abortion clinic to have their questions answered. We want to be visible on all fronts, ready and able to assist them in finding the right solution. A mobile pregnancy van will get noticed and the word will get out. Then, it is the job of our counselors and staff to advise these expectant mothers that they have several options other than terminating a pregnancy. We will educate and empower women to choose life. For more information visit www.ccdpb.org.

"It's a new day for Catholic Charities. The mobile ultrasound vans expansion is made possible by the generosity of Bishop Barbarito, God's Resources, and extremely generous donors. With these vans we will be protecting the lives of the unborn."

~ Marietta Muina McNulty, Catholic Charities Board of Directors President



Catholic Charities receives positive accreditation rating

WEST PALM BEACH | With success stories like the ones Ivonne Vadi tells, it's no wonder that Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach recently achieved national

accreditation. The Council on Accreditation, an independent accreditor of community-based behavioral health care and social service organizations in the United States and Canada, recently expedited the accreditation after receiving no ratings for the local Catholic Charities agency that were out of compliance.

[Read More](#)

ELDER AFFAIRS CLIENT TESTIMONIAL:

"WORDS ARE INADEQUATE TO EXPRESS THE DEPTH OF APPRECIATE AND GRATITUDE I HOLD FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND THE INVALUABLE GUARDIANSHIP EXTENDED TO MY FATHER. HIS PLACEMENT TO AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY GAVE HIM SOME PEACE OF MIND, HEART, AND SOUL. HE WAS CARED FOR AND FOLLOWED A DAILY ROUTINE THAT ALLOWED HIM TO FEEL SAFE. THE SOCIALIZATION HE ENJOYED ESPECIALLY PARTICIPATING AT CARDS WAS PRICELESS. HIS GUARDIANSHIP CASE MANAGER ALWAYS KEPT ME ABREAST OF HER VISIT AND DAD'S CHANGES. I WILL NEVER FORGET HER 'LIVING KINDNESS.' I AM CERTAIN SHE WILL TOUCH MANY COUNTLESS PERSONS WHILE SERVING YOUR PROGRAM OF CARE FOR ELDERS."

- S.M. (DAUGHTER OF ELDER AFFAIRS GUARDIANSHIP CLIENT)



Hunger, Homeless & Outreach Program 2020-21 By the Numbers:

- 01 \$579,754 in financial assistance
- 02 9545 duplicated calls received
- 03 2,932 food bags given out
- 04 182 SNAP applications



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Client Testimonial

Hunger, Homeless and Outreach

Dear Bima,

I want to thank you and Catholic Charities for assisting me thru my recent and serious financial problems. You and your organization have been an incredible and God sent help to me in need.

While attending Sunday 8:30 mass two weeks ago at St Ignatius Loyola Cathedral, a spokes person for Catholic Charities made a presentation about your organization, explaining the organization and assistance they offer. I had been praying to God for help, when I heard her address possible mortgage assistance and was overwhelmed and thankful.

Following this I was blessed with your organization's concern and assistance along with your kind personal help in my application for assistance. Please know that I totally appreciate the assistance provided by Catholic Charities and the personal work you and your office have provided to me in this time of this hardship.

Thank you so much for your concern and help.

May God bless you.





We are so grateful to the ***National Council of Jewish Women Palm Beach*** for their help in stocking two apartments that we use to house survivors of human trafficking. They worked to make the apartments welcoming and ready for clients arriving for short term stays. Included in the donated items were welcome baskets with snacks, water, and other comforts.

Thank you to ***NCJW Palm Beach!***

Pictured above holding a welcome basket are Judy Traub from the NCJW, with Carol Rodriguez and Ivonne Vadi from Catholic Charities.

Signs of Trafficking

- Is the person unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips?
- Does the person work excessively long and/or unusual hours?
- Is the person not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work?
- Does the person owe a large debt and is unable to pay it off?
- Was the person recruited under false promises concerning the nature and conditions of their work?
- Does the person live at their place of employment?
- Does the person live with multiple people in a cramped space?
- Is the person in the commercial sex industry and do they have a pimp/manager?
- Is the person under the age of 18 and providing commercial sex acts?
- Does the person appear overly anxious, fearful, paranoid? Do they avoid eye contact?
- Does the person appear depressed, hopeless, exhibit self-destructive behaviors?
- Does the person appear to suffer from substance abuse disorders or post-traumatic stress?
- Is the person malnourished, exhibit untreated wounds, have older broken bones?
- Does the person have burn marks, bite marks, or branding tattoos?
- Is the person in control or possession of their personal identification, travel documents, or money?
- Does the person have few or no personal possessions?
- If a minor, is the person enrolled in school?



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To report a tip call 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733

Catholic Charities Birthline/Lifeline's

Steps

for

Life!



Saturday, October 2, 2021

Emmanuel Catholic Church

15700 S. Military Trail
Delray Beach

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Mass with

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Rosary Walk

7:30 p.m. - Pizza and Socially Distanced Fellowship

Please call 561-732-0570 with questions.



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FOOD GIVEAWAY

SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
ST. FRANCIS CENTER
100 W. 20TH ST
RIVIERA BEACH
4PM-6PM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

Eat Better



Live Better



Prison Ministry



These are the third-year theology seminarians, from the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, who will for the next two semesters, visit the confinement cells in the South Bay Correctional Facility and the children in the Palm Beach Regional Juvenile Detention Center. With the addition of this class, Deacon Greg, will have escorted, trained and written 60 evaluations to qualify seminarians for ordination to the diaconate and minister to the incarcerated, since 2016.



In June, our Community Service CQI team joined the [Friends of Jupiter Beach](#) in their monthly beach cleanup. It was early and hot, but we were out there representing Catholic Charities and left the Earth a little bit cleaner than we found it. Thank you, [Friends of Jupiter Beach](#), for allowing us to join in the fun.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Nov. 4, 2021



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EMPTY BOWLS - FULL HEARTS

POTTERY BOWL BUYING EVENT

TO BENEFIT THE SAMARITAN CENTER, A PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

ONE DAY ONLY

HERITAGE CENTER - DOWNTOWN VERO

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

9AM - 5PM



SUGGESTED DONATION

POTTERY BOWLS - \$15 EACH

TUREEN DRAWING - \$10 PER TICKET

EXACT CASH OR CHECKS ONLY

No Credit Cards

ALL CURRENT CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED



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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL

Caritas Dei Bishop's Gala

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

THE BREAKERS PALM BEACH



The Bishop's Gala will return on February 10, 2022. We will be following CDC guidelines and expect to have as much fun as we are accustomed to having at The Breakers Palm Beach! Join us for dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions and more. Our hybrid event is sure to wow! More details to follow but please save the date.

For more information, please call 561-775-9567.

In our Respite Services Program, 12 caregiver bags were delivered and happily received by caregivers of the homebound in St. Lucie County. We welcome donations to the bags that may include: lip balm, hand cream, sachets, small soaps, hand sanitizers, etc. Please contact Bernadette Macy to coordinate bmacy@ccdpb.org





On August 6 and 7, a retreat was held in Port St. Lucie for the Standing with You Initiative. The event provided tips on how to be fluent apologists in the pro-life movement, how to help and empower young women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

The event was promoted by the Diocese of Palm Beach Catholic Charities Respect Life Office in collaboration with the group Students for Life.

Americorps Seniors RSVP Grant:

We were fortunate to be awarded \$75,000 to Support Senior Volunteer Service in Palm Beach County and are currently recruiting volunteers. Americorps Seniors volunteers will be conducting sessions on topics such as job readiness, resume writing, interview skills, financial literacy and fraud prevention. Volunteers will also be placed at partner agencies, including Dress for Success, Family Promise, Salvation Army, and The Lord's Place to reach as many people as possible.

To be eligible you must be at least 55 years of age and be able to pass a level 2 background check. We are looking for volunteers of all backgrounds to best serve our community.

To apply or for more information, please contact Sara Haas shaas@ccdpb.org 561-360-3329.



WANTED: Volunteers to help our community

Help those in our community improve their economic situation with job readiness, financial literacy, job development, and education programs!

Join our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Volunteer program today!

Are you interested?

Contact us at (561) 360-3329
shaas@ccdpb.org
to sign up!



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AmeriCorps
Seniors



Catholic Charities' Hunger, Homeless and Outreach program is pleased to announce that it is a proud repeat recipient of a grant from the Walmart Foundation. This grant, provided through Catholic Charities USA, enables Catholic Charities to expand its efforts throughout the Diocese of Palm Beach to educate families about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and provide eligible families with enrollment assistance. For more information and to enroll in the program, please call 561-345-2007.

Thank you, Walmart Foundation!



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Our programs are currently in need of:

* New or Gently used clothing

Small-Large shirts for men
mens jeans in size 32-36
mens shorts in size 30-34
mens belts

XS - L shirts for women
womens jeans in all sizes
womens leggings in all sizes
sneakers for men and women

*New undergarments and
socks for men and women

*hygiene items; including
toothpaste/toothbrush,
shampoo/conditioner,
deodorant, feminine
hygiene items

Donations can be dropped off at
Catholic Charities St Francis Center
100 West 20th Street, Riviera Beach
Tuesdays 10-2
or contact Sara Haas 561-360-3329
shaas@ccdpb.org



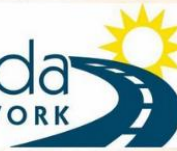
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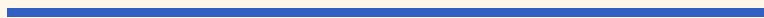
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EPHESIANS 4:1-2
"I THEREFORE, A PRISONER
FOR THE LORD, URGE YOU
TO WALK IN A MANNER
WORTHY OF THE CALLING
TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN
CALLED, WITH ALL
HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS,
WITH PATIENCE, BEARING
WITH ONE ANOTHER IN
LOVE."



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SHARING IS CARING ...

***Please help us get the word out about the impact
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach is
having in our community.***

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If you would like to help Catholic Charities continue to serve the vulnerable and most in need throughout our Diocese, please click [here](#) to make a tax deductible donation or call [561-775-9567](tel:561-775-9567). Thank you!

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