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Hispanic Apostolate Community Services

Recently, Hispanic Apostolate hosted a job fair at the Hispanic Apostolate Community Center at St. Lawrence the Martyr in Metairie, in partnership with Marriott Hotels. Job seekers were assisted with the application process and had the opportunity to do preliminary interviews with Marriott staff.



Catholic Charities' Hispanic Apostolate Community Services has been serving the Hispanic community in New Orleans since 1972. Through direct client services, community outreach and advocacy, Hispanic Apostolate strives to help immigrants become independent, productive, and integral members of our community. For more information, visit www.ccano.org/programs/hacs

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Continuing a Legacy of Care
Introducing the 2013 Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal Chairman, JT Hannan

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan's continuing legacy of care for the most vulnerable in our community is particularly poignant this year, since our Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) chair is Archbishop Hannan's great-nephew, JT Hannan. JT has served as an AHCA volunteer since 2008. He is lead organizer and coordinator for Bayou District Foundation, specifically representing the foundation in matters related to public policy and governmental affairs. Having lived in New Orleans for more than 17 years, JT has lent his leadership to the Fore!Kids Foundation, The Zurich Classic, New Orleans Police Department's PCAB Committee and the Metropolitan Crime Commission Board of Directors. He also served on Mayor Landrieu's Housing Task Force and was an editor of its report. We are blessed to have his continued involvement and expertise in spearheading our campaign. **This year's AHCA goal is \$1,965,000**, a nod to the year 1965 when Archbishop Hannan arrived in New Orleans. We'll keep you updated on the campaign's progress!

A Message from the 2013 Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal Chairman

2013 has been a momentous year for our young family. Our son, Philip Michael Hannan, arrived on January 30, 2013. My wife, Katherine, and I have experienced all the wonder (and exhaustion!) of becoming new parents. Our baby is the namesake of my great-uncle, the late Archbishop Philip M. Hannan and it is our wish that he inherit the qualities of piety, charity and hard work that Uncle Phil exemplified.

raises funds to meet many of the very same needs that my great uncle saw in New Orleans when he first arrived. The undesignated funds raised through the AHCA allow Catholic Charities the flexibility to deliver services to those most in need, as Uncle Phil would have wanted.

Last year, the campaign, known since 1966 as the Archbishop's Community Appeal, was renamed in honor of Archbishop Hannan, its founder. It's my honor and privilege to serve as the 2013 chairman of the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal. It seems fitting that I do my part to continue the work the Archbishop began so long ago. I hope to set the kind of example for my little Philip that Uncle Phil set for me. When my great uncle arrived in New Orleans in 1965, Hurricane Betsy had leveled and flooded great swaths of the city. New Orleans was in the throes of the civil rights movement and he saw around him poverty, devastation and grave injustice. In typical Uncle Phil fashion, he immediately set about to right some of those wrongs.

As Katherine and I continue to navigate the blessings and challenges of being new parents, we ask for your prayerful support of the AHCA. Gifts to this year's campaign will be multiplied many times over to provide services for those Archbishop Hannan, and now Archbishop Gregory Aymond, would want us to care for. It is a lesson he taught me well and one that I will endeavor to instill in his namesake, my son, Philip Michael Hannan.

- JT Hannan
Chairman,
Archbishop
Hannan
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The creation of a campaign to fund the charitable work of the Catholic Church was near the top of his priority list. He believed with his entire being that helping the less fortunate was a duty and not just an option. The Archbishop's Episcopal motto was **"Charity is the Bond of Perfection."** That spirit lives on today through the work of Catholic Charities.

Today's Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal



Pictured: (Left) PACE begins renovations on the St. John Bosco Chapel at Hope Haven in Marrero. (Right) The ceremonial groundbreaking for the new PACE West Bank expansion. Archbishop Aymond (center) is joined by community leaders, PACE staff and Board Members and Sr. Marjorie Hebert.

“Lord, Prosper the Work of Our Hands” PACE Expands Senior Services to the West Bank

Hope Haven in Marrero will once again be a site of care for the needy with the expansion of PACE GNO. PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care of the Elderly) broke ground on their new West Bank Adult Day Health Care facility on September 5, 2013. The new West Bank expansion on the historic Hope Haven campus will allow PACE GNO to ultimately serve 300 seniors in the surrounding area. Addressing the crowd of supporters and PACE clients gathered at the St. John Bosco Chapel, President and CEO of Catholic Charities Sr. Marjorie Hebert gave thanks and prayed for the work of PACE as it grows its services saying, “Lord, prosper the work of our hands.”

The expansion project includes three phases beginning with the renovation of St. John Bosco Chapel as an adult day health care center, similar to the Shirley Landry Benson PACE Center at the site of the former St. Cecilia Catholic Church. Phases II and III include construction of a new building to connect the chapel and adjacent school/gym building, and finally, renovations to the school/gym

building. Once completed the adult day care facilities will include a wellness center, clinic, therapy center and rehab center. Services available will include a care management team that coordinates medication, dietary needs, some nursing care, recreational and rehab therapy and family caregiver support. The project is slated for completion in spring 2014 and there is already a waiting list for the new location!

PACE is a Medicare and Medicaid program for the low-income elderly and disabled over the age of 55. It provides a comprehensive package of health services that allow seniors to continue to live at home while enhancing their sense of dignity, independence and quality of life. PACE GNO also provides support for the caregiver and families of enrolled seniors. For more information visit www.pacegno.org

Congratulations to the PACE staff and clients!

New at the North Shore Pastoral Center

Catholic Charities North Shore Region welcomes the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy of New Orleans to the North Shore Pastoral Center. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy provides prescription medication free of charge to under-served populations in the community including the homeless, the indigent, and the elderly. Catholic Charities is pleased to partner with St. Vincent De Paul to provide this service to those in the Covington area. For more information on other Catholic Charities services on the North Shore, visit www.ccano.org/northshore.

Class in Session at CCANO

Last year, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans (CCANO) had the privilege of working with 1,789 clients in our educational programs including Head Start, English as A Second Language, Citizenship classes, Independent Living Skills Program and more. “Back to School” season is in swing at Catholic Charities and this fall brings new sessions for many of our programs.

Across Catholic Charities’ five **Head Start** centers, we welcome 387 infants and toddlers for this new school year. Our Head Start centers provide early childhood education, socialization and nutrition for the children enrolled. Families are given the building blocks to set their children on a path to success through Head Start early education.

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are also back in session for students and volunteer tutors. ESL classes will be held at six different locations throughout Orleans, Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes, as well as Citizenship classes offered at our Tulane University location. ESL and Citizenship classes serve hundreds of adult learners each year from more than 30 countries around the world. “Learning English is life-changing,” said Tessa Wheelock, the adult education coordinator for Catholic Charities. These classes provide a key component to helping immigrants become independent, integral members of our society.



Pictured: ESL Tutor Maura Vananzo (center) with her students Meudis and Sebastian.

Foster Grandparents also have a busy new year ahead of them. Over 80 seniors are serving as Foster Grandparents this year. Orientations and regular meetings are back in session for this mentoring program that provides employment and activity for low-income seniors.

Please pray for our clients and staff as we continue to enrich and educate across our programs!

“Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.” - Francis of Assisi

Can an email change a life? That seems hard to believe, but when someone makes a gift to Catholic Charities because of an email, or a Facebook post or tweet that they saw, lives are being changed for the better by the fact that someone opened that message and decided to give. **Bruce Soltis** is one such Catholic Charities supporter. Mr. Soltis recently made a generous gift to Catholic Charities’ Head Start after receiving an email for our campaign to raise \$10,000 for our five Head Start preschools. Funds help sustain our early childhood education programming which has been dramatically impacted by sequestration funding cuts.

“My wife and I are pleased to support,” said Mr. Soltis. “Education is extremely important... studies have shown that children from Head Start will do well in first grade and continue to do well in life.”

Formerly the Senior Vice President for SYSCO International, Mr. Soltis is now retired and splits his time between New Orleans and Cape Cod, Massachusetts. When in New Orleans, he is an active volunteer in the community, serving on the boards for Covenant House and Second Harvest Food Bank. He is very familiar with the work of Catholic Charities, having served on the Finance Advisory

Committee for the CCANO Board of Directors for the past five years. “Catholic Charities is an efficient administrator of its funds and I’m glad to help,” said Mr. Soltis. Catholic Charities extends thanks to all our advocates and donors. Your awareness and your generosity make our work serving those most in need possible.

We’re **HALF-WAY** to \$10K for Head Start. Check out how you can get involved and change a life today! <http://ccano.givezooks.com/campaigns/head-start>



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