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Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans provides life-giving programs that deliver health and human services to the most vulnerable and needy throughout 8 civil parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. We serve people regardless of race, religion, age, ethnicity or economic status.

Ringling in the New Year with JOY, HOPE and LOVE

Happy New Year from Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans! As I reflected on "ringing" in the new year, I was reminded of the tradition of ringing bells in our Catholic Church. As Catholics, we ring bells to create a joyful noise for the Lord during Mass. Historically, Church bells were also rung to help those at Mass focus on the miracle of the Consecration or sacred blessing of the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. Church bells are also used to call attention to announcements being made, to remember an event, to signal an alert for safety, or simply to mark the time of day.

As we "ring" in this new year, what do you want to celebrate, to accomplish and to focus on in 2015? What will the bells ring for in your life?

At Catholic Charities, we're ringing in the new year with JOY - we celebrate the dedicated men and women in our many programs and ministries serving the frail, the poor, the forgotten and the struggling. We rejoice in their continued commitment to the ministries of Catholic Charities and we celebrate their many accomplishments and achievements in 2014.

We're also ringing in the new year with HOPE - In the face of unforeseen challenges, we know we must be the source of hope during difficult times. It's our calling

as the hands and heart of Jesus in our world today. As we prepare to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina this year, we look forward in hope as we continue to address the needs and struggles of the people of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Finally, we're ringing in the new year with LOVE - Pope Francis reminds us that when we love one another we are loving and serving Christ. We will continue to seek out the marginalized and serve them with the compassion and love of Jesus Christ.

Yes, the bells are ringing for Catholic Charities in 2015 - let's ring them far and wide! Thank you for embarking on this journey of service with us in the new year!

Sr. Marjorie Hebert, M.S.C.

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Notes from the Heart

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Making Spirits - and Futures - Bright at Head Start

Our Head Start Centers celebrated the holiday season with a variety of special events for parents and students. At St. John the Baptist Head Start in New Orleans, students performed Christmas skits and carols to the delight of parents, teachers and friends of Head Start. Head Start sponsor Raising Cane's Ginny Bowen, General Manager of the St. Charles Avenue location, stopped by for the fun! Pictured above, Ginny is warmly greeted by St. John Head Start students after their skits. We are grateful to sponsors like Raising Cane's for their commitment to the community by supporting Catholic Charities' Head Start program.



AHCA passes \$1 Million Mark!

We are excited to announce that the 2014 Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal has reached over \$1 million! As of January 12, 2015, our volunteers have helped us raise \$1,494,408 to support the programs and services of Catholic Charities - that's 93% of our \$1.6 Million goal!

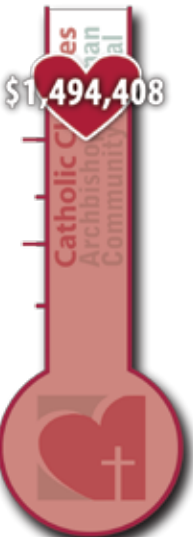
We are thrilled by and appreciate the continued overwhelming support of the worthy initiative that is the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal. Thank you to all who have so generously given to this year's campaign. As shared before, we sincerely believe that God does not refuse Grace to those that do what they can.

Gratefully, Jennifer and Mason Couvillon

As we enter into the final phase of our campaign, please continue to pray for our AHCA volunteers and the people served through the many services and programs our annual campaign supports!

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Partners in Ministry: A message from Archbishop Aymond



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the Synod Consultation Sessions, I heard over and over again praise for the ministry of Catholic Charities in our community. Their ministry to care for the poor and vulnerable in our community puts the Gospel values into action. The annual second collection and the ministry of Catholic Charities make it possible for us to extend the love and charity of Christ to those in need.

This year, the second collection for Catholic Charities will be held during

Masses on the weekend of February 28 and March 1. On behalf of Sr. Marjorie Hebert, President and CEO of Catholic Charities, and the many people served by its programs and ministries, I ask that you continue your generous support by making a gift to the Catholic Charities' second collection again this year.

Because of funds raised through this second collection, Catholic Charities is able to help thousands of vulnerable children, struggling families and frail seniors receive basic nutrition, essential health care, education and case management services. Because people like you care, homeless and unemployed individuals and families are connected to resources for jobs, training and shelter. Your support also supports emergency relief during times of unforeseen disaster. All of this we do in the name of Jesus! What a privilege!

Thank you for being a partner in our mission to serve the poor and vulnerable of our region through a gift in this year's second collection. If you would like to learn more about Catholic Charities' work in the eight civil parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, please visit www.ccano.org.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

Sr. Marjorie Hebert, President and CEO
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

The Catholic Charities Parish & Community Ministries team has been working hard to document and expand the collaboration between local parish ministers and the programs and ministries of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities services and/or assistance has been present in every parish in the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 2014.

Please remember the staff and clients of Catholic Charities in your parish's second collection the weekend of February 28 and March 1!

2014 A YEAR IN REVIEW

 Here is a snapshot of some of our accomplishments and milestones in 2014:

- In 2014, Catholic Charities **served over 81,000 individuals and families** through our many programs and ministries.
- **170 Head Start students** successfully transitioned to kindergarten this fall.
- Sr. Marjorie Hebert was named **Woman of the Year** by New Orleans CityBusiness and a **Role Model** for the Youth Leadership Council.
- Catholic Charities and PACE celebrated the opening of the new **Hope Haven Adult Day Healthcare Center**. The facility provides affordable daytime care for up to 96 seniors on the Westbank.
- **Food for Seniors** added 7 new sites in 2014, bringing our total to 410 food distribution sites across the State of Louisiana.
- Refugee children from Latin America and their families received support and guidance from **Immigration and Refugee Services**. Their services continue to be a trusted resource for the immigrant community in NOLA.
- **Adoption Services** placed 11 children with loving families.
- **Sr. Anthony Barczykowski** was named a lifetime member on Catholic Charities Board of Directors
- **Homeless Services** continued collaboration with community partners to assist in eliminating veteran homelessness in our city in 2014.
- Data collected and analyzed by the **Hurricane Isaac Disaster Case Management Program** helped continue state-wide recovery efforts for those still struggling after Hurricane Isaac in 2012.
- **112 student volunteers** participated in SERVE with Volunteer Services over the summer, providing 3,798 hours of service in the community!
- **Health Guardians** committed to removing barriers to health-care. Their intensive case management program made strides in changing lives and changing the way the community thinks about health care.
- **Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP)** settled in to its new home at Claire Avenue in Gretna. Their Hope Chest and Food Pantry are stocked and open to assist former foster care children get a great start in life as independent young adults.
- **ACCESS** kept hundreds of babies covered by distributing 62,778 diapers to moms in need. ACCESS also hit the road in its new mobile pregnancy center making stops throughout the Greater New Orleans area and the North Shore!
- **Spirit of Hope Workforce Development** provided 394 individuals with employment assistance, job certifications, training and development that will help them achieve their career goals in 2015 and beyond.
- And much more! We are looking forward to new opportunities to serve in 2015!

A Season of Blessings



Through the generosity of 188 families, corporations and groups, over 1,100+ people received food baskets at Thanksgiving, or Christmas gifts this year. Volunteers gave 13,614 hours of service to make these holiday miracles possible. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of Volunteer Services for coordinating the wish lists and the donations for our clients! Here are just a few of our Christmas Angels!

(A) Albert Cilluffa, "Santa," of Freeport-McMoRan gets a hug from a student at St. Mary of the Angels Head Start. Employees at Freeport-McMoRan held a gift drive for our Head Start students. (B) Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. held a coat drive for foster children being served by Therapeutic Family Services; pictured Sheryll Harris and Cindy Bourne. (C) St. Vincent Guild held a baby item drive for ACCESS Pregnancy at their December Luncheon; pictured Suzette Herpich, Dottie Schule, Sister Marjorie, ReRe Avegno, Barbara Richards, Michelle Black. (D) Bruno and Tervalon, LLP employees gave numerous Thanksgiving food boxes for our clients once again this year. (E) Louisiana Hospitality Foundation once again made their annual Santa visit to Padua House, providing gifts and good cheer to all the Padua House Residents. (F) Volunteers like Lisa Condon, Ashley Mayo and Gus Arroyo of Lisambiance Design, make our Thanksgiving and Christmas gift drive possible, pictured with Shannon Murphy and Susan Lackey of CCANO Volunteer Services. (G) Tulane students donated proceeds from their "Trash to Treasure" Sale to Catholic Charities, pictured: Sr. Marjorie with Anne Bevis, Tracy Godbe, Drew Schneider. (H) Louisiana Dental Center arrived with a truck-full of Christmas gifts for our clients; pictured: Gwen Lacoste, Heather Baham. (I) Freeport-McMoRan Christmas elves, Kathy Kelley, Shereen LeCron, Albert Cilluffa and Anne Martorana, at St. Mary of the Angels Head Start.