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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.

Lent: A Time to Refocus on Others

Our carnival costumes and parade route ladders have been put away. As New Orleanians, we enter into Lent with the bold contrast of our Mardi Gras celebrations. We have celebrated the gift of life with Mardi Gras festivities and now we refocus on our daily activities. Lent is a wonderful time to reassess our lives and a time to pause and appreciate our many gifts.

As many of us wonder, "What should I give up this Lent?" I am inspired by the words of our Holy Father Pope Francis in his Lenten message this year. He challenges us to give up, not chocolates or that extra glass of wine, but the indifference in our hearts.

"Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades... We end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own."

- Pope Francis

Can we look past our own needs and see the needs of others? Can we realize our own gifts and use them to help someone who is struggling, someone who is sick or someone who is marginalized?

At Catholic Charities, our hundreds of employees answer "YES" to these questions every day. Their service with us is truly a ministry of the heart and not just a job. Our agency recently honored employees who have served with us 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30+ years. The combined years of service of our employees celebrating an anniversary year was over 1,100 years of service...and counting! I am humbled and grateful to the many dedicated men and women who serve with me.

In the same way, you, our friends and donors, choose to hear the cry of the poor by supporting our work in many different ways. From "liking" us on Facebook and sharing our photos and news, to giving generously in the second collection for Catholic Charities, you join us as we strive this Lenten season, and every season to provide loving care, comfort and assistance to those in need. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the many who serve and are served by Catholic Charities.

May you and your family be blessed with peace and comfort in your hearts this Lenten Season, God Bless You!

Sr. Marjorie Hebert, M.S.C.
President/CEO

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Sunday, April 12, 2015 | Doors open at 11:30 am
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Special Recognition: St. Philip Neri, Outstanding Pro-Life Parish

For reservations, contact Michelle Black, (504) 885-1141 or mblack@ccano.org.

Milestones of Service



Catholic Charities honored staff celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30+ years of service with our agency at an Employee Recognition Luncheon at Cafe Reconcile on February 27, 2015. Pictured are just a few of the many employees celebrating anniversaries of service: [Left] Celebrating 35 years of Service - Orville Dougan, COO, and Sr. Marjorie Hebert. [Middle] Celebrating 35 years of service - Bobbie New, St. John the Baptist Head Start, and Sr. Marjorie Hebert. [Right] Celebrating 15 years of service: (Back Row) - Michele Barrow, Etelridge Sanders, Adam Laudun; (Front Row) Melisa Jack and Debbie Williams.



Raising Cane's Helps Give Kids and Families a Head Start

At Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans our favorite red and yellow logo does not contain golden arches. We're talking about Raising Cane's! Raising Cane's has been sponsoring and supporting our Head Start program throughout this school year. With their support, our five Head Start Centers continue to provide quality child care and early childhood education that prepares children for a lifetime of learning and supports the whole family.



Raising Cane's philosophy is built on the success of the communities in which they operate. They believe education is a major foundation for communities and they make it a priority to support programs like Catholic Charities' Head Start serving over 400 children and families annually throughout the Greater New Orleans Area.

"At Raising Cane's, giving back to the community is a big part of who we are," said Todd Graves, Raising Cane's Founder, CEO, Fry Cook and Cashier. "Our Active Community Involvement program began as way to show appreciation for our customers, our crew and our communities. Today, Cane's gives back more than \$6 Million in support to thousands of organizations across the country. Our Greater New Orleans restaurants support Catholic Charities because we believe their work is making a difference in the community. **Catholic Charities has ONE LOVE for New Orleans.**"

Raising Cane's began as brainchild of founder Todd Graves as a project for a college course for which he received the worst grade in his class. Despite this, Graves continued to pursue his dream. Through hard work and perseverance, he opened his first Raising Cane's outside the gates of LSU in 1996. Today, there are over 150 locations throughout the Gulf South.

"Catholic Charities is thankful for Raising Cane's enthusiastic support for our Head Start program," said Sr. Marjorie Hebert, M.S.C., Catholic Charities President and CEO. "Head Start lays a foundation for communities in educating and inspiring our next generation. We are grateful that Raising Cane's joins us in supporting our Head Start children and families." *Pictured: Raising Cane's Tommy Papale and Erin Knight Credo with Sr. Marjorie Hebert at the Head Start Mardi Gras Parade.*

Thanks to Raising Cane's for their continued support for Head Start!

Kudos for Catholic Charities!

Foster Grandparent Bob Morgan was honored as a Saints Community Quarterback. He and his wife, Judy, have served over 31 years on the Foster Grandparent Advisory Council. Congratulations to Bob and his wife, Judy! *Pictured: Judy and Bob Morgan with Sr. Marjorie Hebert.*



Catholic Charities Homeless Services and case managers were recognized by the Mayor's Office for their contributions in helping to end veteran homelessness in New Orleans. Our case managers continue to serve the homeless at the new Sacred Heart Apartments on Canal Street.

Incaruate Word Head Start and St. Mary of the Angels Head Start were recently awarded 4 out of 5 stars by the Louisiana Department of Education Quality Start Program. This rating indicates a high level of quality of care for the children and support for parents.

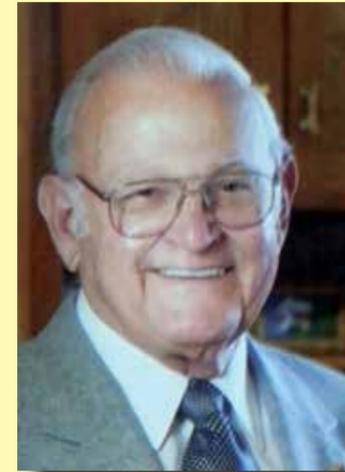
Ciara Community Services and Food for Families/Food For Seniors were awarded grants by New Orleans Artists Against Hunger & Homelessness (NOAAHH) to continue serving those who are hungry and those who find themselves without shelter in New Orleans.

THANK YOU
for your support in
the Second Collection
for Catholic Charities

On behalf of the hundreds of men and women in ministry and the thousands of individuals and families served by the programs of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the generosity we received in the second collection at Masses in the Archdiocese of New Orleans February 28 and March 1, 2015. Through your support, we truly become the loving hands of Jesus Christ serving the poor, the sick, the disabled, the homeless and those struggling in our world today.

God bless you!
- Sr. Marjorie Hebert
and the Catholic Charities
Archdiocese of New Orleans Family

Remembering Dr. Ralph Dauterive



Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans remembers long-time friend and volunteer Dr. Francis Ralph Dauterive, Sr. DDS. Dr. Ralph, as he was known to the Catholic Charities family, passed away peacefully earlier this year. His enthusiastic dedication to the work of Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of New Orleans is a testament to how he approached all things in his life – with an open and faithful heart.

Dr. Ralph's involvement with Catholic Charities began over 49 years ago in the first year of the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA). Known then as the Archbishop's Community Appeal, Dr. Ralph himself recalled in a 2010 Catholic Charities newsletter how he first became involved with the campaign. His friend, the late Fred Sigur, Sr., brought him on board with one simple statement: "I need you." His constant friendship and support for Catholic Charities continued through the rest of his life.

"He was a giving human being because he knew that was what the Holy Spirit was calling him to do," said nephew Danny Bourgeois. **"His entire life was focused on sharing his blessings with everyone. He truly embodied the Holy Spirit and he lived this every day of his life."**

A native of St. Bernard Parish, Dr. Ralph's giving spirit extended to numerous organizations in the community including the St. Bernard Kiwanis Club, Operation Merry Christmas, the American Red Cross, and in the United Way Annual Fund Drive. He also was a dedicated supporter of several Catholic Church parishes in St. Bernard.

"Ralph Dauterive lived his life in service to others," said Helen Read Young, Director of Development for Catholic Charities. "His decades of faithful service to the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal were a gift to the community, and especially to those whom we (Catholic Charities) serve. Dr. Ralph was one of the original AHCA campaign volunteers, and he was proud of that. He loved what the campaign stands for, and he even recruited his family and friends to get involved as volunteers and as donors. His gentle spirit and commitment to getting the job done well will be greatly missed."

Dr. Ralph's dedication to Catholic Charities continues through the commitment of his family and of those he has inspired and loved. He is survived by his wife Lily Francioni Dauterive, his son Dr. F. Ralph Dauterive Jr., M.D. and wife Vicki Swan Dauterive, his grandchildren Dr. Erin Dauterive Dipalma M.D. and husband Ben, Jeremy Dauterive and wife Ashley, Sean Dauterive and wife Brooks, and William Dauterive. He is also survived by his great grandchildren Madeline and Thomas Dipalma, and his sister Lucille Lorio.

Catholic Schools have HEART!

Many of our Catholic Schools participated in *Show Your Heart Day* for Catholic Charities this past February! Students wore red for Catholic Charities on *Show Your Heart Day* and donated \$1 or more to support the work of Catholic Charities. Here are photos from just a few of the many schools that participated this year! *Pictured clockwise from left: St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Annunciation of Our Lord Catholic School, St. Rosalie Catholic School, Stuart Hall, Pope John Paul II High School, Archbishop Hannan High School.*

