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News from Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

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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.

Nurturing our Holy Family

Dear friends of Catholic Charities,

This September, I prepare to travel to Washington, DC to attend mass celebrated by Pope Francis during his U.S. visit. On his tour, he will also be attending the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, a gathering that will focus upon the impact of the love and life of families in our society. As I reflect upon the love of the family, I think of the families that Catholic Charities touches in our community. As Jesus reminds us that "whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me," I consider how we receive God's children by serving those in need through our life-giving programs. This fall, we prepare to raise support to meet those needs in our community as we begin the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal.



aftermath. His work became known as the Archbishop's Community Appeal, later to be renamed in honor of its founder.

Fifty years later, we are proud to continue the tradition of mobilizing the community to serve those in need. The funds we raise through the AHCA campaign, led this year by chaircouples Elizabeth & Clifton LeBlanc and Christine & Price LeBlanc, enable Catholic Charities to provide the life-giving services from our 30+ programs from adoption services to caring for the elderly to responding to disasters. This year's goal is to raise \$1.7 million in unrestricted funds.

Each year through the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA), volunteers work to raise unrestricted funds to support Catholic Charities' outreach to meet the needs of the poor and the vulnerable in our community. We are especially excited for this year's efforts because it marks 50 years of service to the community!

I encourage you to join our efforts in providing for the poor, as Christ instructed us to do, and learn more about the impact of Catholic Charities on our community. Thank you for being a partner in this ministry and giving hope to our neighbors who we are called to serve. Jesus reminds us "what you do for the least of your brethren, you do for ME!"

In 1965, when Hurricane Betsy devastated the City of New Orleans, Archbishop Philip Hannan brought together local civic and business leaders to address the critical needs of our community in the storm's

With Psalm 90 we pray, "God bless us, and prosper the work of our hands!"

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Hope Haven is Now an Approved Medicaid Provider

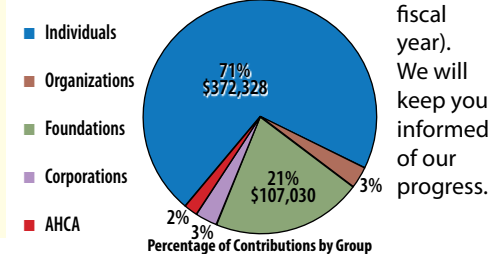
West Bank families now have more options thanks to the recent addition of Hope Haven as an approved Medicaid provider. Located in the former St. John Bosco Chapel at 1131 Barataria Blvd. in Marrero, Hope Haven Adult Day Health Care Center provides full-day services to seniors and disabled adults. The center offers a vibrant and social community while ensuring everyone receives the support and special care they need. For more information and enrollment please call 504-835-0006.



THANK YOU!

During the first two months of this fiscal year, Catholic Charities has received over \$520,000* in private contributions. Many thanks to the individuals, organizations, businesses and foundations that support our 30+ life-giving programs each year.

*To sustain our current programs, Catholic Charities needs to raise \$5 Million in private contributions by June 30, 2016 (the end of our fiscal year). We will keep you informed of our progress.



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VOLUNTEERS STATS

The volunteer numbers for the last fiscal year are in! Between July 2014 and June 2015, Catholic Charities has benefitted from the help of some **12, 446 volunteers** giving a total of **332,018 hours** of their time. The value of those donated services donated is worth over **\$4 million dollars!** Food for Families/Food for Seniors mobilized the most with 2,201 volunteers donating 204,578 hours of their time. Thank you to the volunteers donating their time! If you are interested in volunteering with us, please visit our website and www.ccano.org/volunteer.



The LeBlancs

On this 50th anniversary of the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal, Catholic Charities is proud to introduce Christine & Price LeBlanc and Elizabeth & Clifton LeBlanc as our 2015 Chairs. Having seen first-hand the assistance its various programs provide to those most in need, the LeBlancs have continued a long family tradition of loyal support to Catholic Charities. From their generous support in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, to their assistance in Catholic Charities' youth programming, to their fervent response after visiting the community's most vulnerable disabled adults and children cared for by Catholic Charities' Padua Community Services, the LeBlancs truly embody the giving spirit with which Archbishop Hannan began this appeal a half century ago.

The LeBlanc family has been in the automobile business and active in the community for many years, and they firmly believe in the importance of giving back to the place they call home. Christine, Elizabeth, Price, and Clifton have all sat as chairs for other local community events and fundraisers. With their guidance, we are sure to reach our goal of raising crucial funds to care for those looking for help and hope in our community while honoring the legacy of Archbishop Hannan and the many dedicated individuals that have made this campaign successful for so many years.



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Last week, we kicked off the annual Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) with a reception for volunteers at Ye Old College Inn. Volunteers picked up campaign supplies, exchanged fundraising tips, and prepared to tackle the \$1.7 million goal of unrestricted funds raised to support Catholic Charities life-giving programs.



A LEGACY OF FAITHFULNESS CONTINUES WITH YOU

Your contributions to the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal provide Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans with critically needed funds to meet the needs of the poor and vulnerable in our community. The annual campaign, founded as the Archbishop's

Community Appeal in 1965 by Archbishop Philip M. Hannan, allows Catholic Charities to care for the needy and vulnerable, those Jesus commanded us to serve.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states: (2447) "The works of mercy are charitable

actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities." The works of mercy are divided into two groups: corporal and spiritual. The spiritual works include praying, instructing, advising, consoling and comforting. The corporal works of mercy consist of providing food, shelter, clothing,

visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy concisely define the mission and the work of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Continue Archbishop Hannan's legacy of care, service and love by making your gift to the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) TODAY.

Last year, your donation to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans through the AHCA campaign enabled us to:

- Serve 76,305 people
- Enroll 1,522 students in educational programs
- Serve 1,368 women through pro-life and adoption services
- Care for 395 mentally and physically disabled children and adults
- Protect 422 homeless clients



Deaf Action Center

Shari Bernius is literally a calm presence in the midst of chaos. While most in the Greater New Orleans Area might not even notice her, for a special population of people, her service is vital. Shari is the director of Catholic Charities Deaf Action Center, which provides professional sign language interpretation by certified interpreters for people who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing, so at some of the city's most critical points, Shari and her team make sure that those with a hearing disability have the information they need to care for themselves and their families

"It means a lot to me that we are able to share important messages from important people with the deaf community. For me it's not about who the presenter is, it's about our deaf community having the same ability to get the same messages as hearing people," said Bernius.

From news conferences with the Mayor of New Orleans to city emergency preparedness and response briefings to signing for visiting presidents, Shari has been a mainstay for the New Orleans deaf community for 25 years.

To learn more about the Deaf Actions Center of Greater New Orleans call (504) 615-7122.

