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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.

Easter Energy

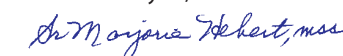
Dear Friend of Catholic Charities,

I began my "Easter Holiday" early afternoon on Holy Thursday. I was fully prepared and ready to finalize LENT and moved into the prayers of the holiest of Days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and finally, Easter Sunday. The beauty of the brightest springtime weather, the lifting of some Covid restrictions and the pleasure of greeting more family and friends really put a bounce in my steps! It was Easter Energy! I first read that phrase in one of my Easter reflections and I have felt that it describes my interest and response to my daily engagements.

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus had us proclaiming "Alleluia". At CCANO, we have much to praise and give thanks for in the many services we daily provide for all those we serve. We have persevered through the most difficult days of COVID restrictions and limitations. Our volunteers and donors have been most generous in their donations of their time, their talents and their treasure (dollars)! Our programs and services have developed and delivered creative responses to thousands of children, women and men.

I thank you for your attention and responses to the many calls for CCANO services. Let us move onward in our daily effort to fulfill our CCANO mission and purpose. God bless each of us with EASTER ENERGY for our daily service!

God bless you,


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



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GiveNOLA Day 2021

GiveNOLA Day 2021 will take place on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

CHALLENGE MATCH: Every dollar donated to CCANO during GiveNOLA will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000! Thank you to our anonymous donor for your generosity!

Early giving will open on April 20, 2021 - May 3, 2021 at 11:59PM.

Schedule your gift in advance, TODAY! www.givenola.org/ccano



Bethlehem Housing and National Fair Housing Month



Bethlehem Housing provides shelter and case management for families experiencing homelessness. Currently, Bethlehem is providing shelter for 64 families and overall served 140 families. They serve families in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemine's, St. Charles, St. Tammany, St. John and Washington parishes.

In recent months, the Fair Market Rate for housing has significantly increased as real estate has increased. This has made it more difficult to house families. Bethlehem Housing case managers use the fair market rate mandated by government to negotiate with landlords. Fair market includes utilities but some landlords do not honor this.

Bethlehem has been struggling to find affordable housing for clients. Many of the families that they house are unemployed. Recently, landlords are asking for proof of work, employment and background checks. They do not want to rent to unemployed tenants.

Another barrier, Bethlehem has been dealing with is locating housing. There are very few units available. Many of the families Bethlehem works with have large families with five or six children. Because of this, Bethlehem cannot always find four or five bedroom apartments.

The difference between Bethlehem Housing and Section 8 is that Bethlehem is more involved. They

do home visits, get to see how families are living and view the property before they move in.

Bethlehem Housing receives referrals for homeless families needing housing from Unity, Children's Hospital, Catholic clergy, judicial panels and others.

Bethlehem Housing has 45 days to house a family. They can only stay in a shelter for that long. Bethlehem case managers work tirelessly to house families within 15 to 20 days to keep them from living in a car, under a bridge or in a shelter.

Once a family is connected with Bethlehem Housing, a timeline is created for the length of time they will have housing covered. The timeline might be for six months, nine months and 12 months or more. For a family that might be behind on rent, Bethlehem will support their rent for six months; for a family that has started a new job, Bethlehem will support their rent for nine months so they can get back on their feet; and a family that isn't employed, doesn't have transportation, has no financial stability, has been homeless for three years, larger families or from other countries, Bethlehem will support their rent for one year or longer. For families from other countries, Bethlehem works with Immigration and Refugee Services to ensure the family has all bases covered.

For more information about Homeless Services, visit www.ccano.org/homeless-services/

CCANO Volunteer Works with Multiple Programs

Marty has been a Catholic Charities volunteer for years. He started as a prison ministry volunteer but during the pandemic, the program closed. After it closed, Marty was looking for something else with Catholic Charities! Marty decided to volunteer at the Food Pantry to help others even during COVID-19. He has loved volunteering at the Food Pantry! Marty said, "I volunteer because it is one of many ways of giving back. I learned how important it is that people get some sort of support. The Food Pantry is a critical Catholic Charities program!"

Marty has been drawn to Catholic Charities, "I see CCANO helping the community, reaching out to help those in need in the community."

If you would like to volunteer like Marty, you can visit our new Volunteer Hub at www.ccano.org/volunteer or contact Volunteer Services at estieber@ccano.org or smurphy@ccano.org.



Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal

Gifts to the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) raise crucial unrestricted funds that allow Catholic Charities to respond swiftly, effectively and compassionately in times of crisis or disaster.

Your donation means supporting a local charity that best understands local needs. We serve the 8 civil parishes that make up the Archdiocese of New Orleans: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. Charles, St. John, and Washington parishes.

THANK YOU to everyone who has made a gift to our 2020 Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) Campaign! Gifts to the AHCA raise crucial unrestricted funds which support ALL Catholic Charities programs. Help us in providing unrestricted funds that allow us to help our neighbors in need! www.ccano.org/ahca/

On Monday, March 22, 2021, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans celebrated a successful 2020 Archbishop Hannan Community Appeals (AHCA) campaign with a virtual mass said by Archbishop Gregory Aymond.



The AHCA, formerly known as the Archbishop's Community Appeal, is an annual, volunteer-driven fundraising campaign that supports the work of CCANO. This year, the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal was led by 2020 AHCA Chairs Helen and Tim Young.

The 2021 Chair-Couple will be Jacqueline and Renny Simno.

St. Elizabeth's Guild Supports Catholic Charities' Programs

St. Elizabeth's Guild exists to support the many needs and well-being of the various children's programs serviced by Catholic Charities. St. Elizabeth's Guild has supported the children of the Archdiocese of New Orleans for over 45 years. Over those years, the type of children of help has changed from orphaned to abused, neglected, troubled and physically and mentally challenged children. With the closing of the Hope Haven campus, the Guild's mission has changed but continued its commitment to the children's programs of Catholic Charities.

Even though the Guild was unable to host their annual Activists Luncheon, their members came through with an additional donation to two of our programs. In March 2021, the Guild happily donated \$16,500 to Padua House and \$3,500 to Therapeutic Family Services. Thank you to St. Elizabeth's Guild for their generous donations!

St. Elizabeth's Guild is always excited to welcome new members to their organization. Their membership year runs January through December. Dues are \$35 per year or a Lifetime Membership for \$250. For more information, please contact Membership Chairman, Suzette Herpich at 504-296-6698.

The Guild's upcoming Volunteer Activists Awards Luncheon will be held on October 8, 2021 in the Empire Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The Patron Party begins at 10AM, Doors open to guests at 10:30AM and the Luncheon begins at 11:30AM.

For general Luncheon information, contact Luncheon Chair, Cindy Wooderson, at 504-236-8720.

For more information about St. Elizabeth's Guild, visit www.stelizabethsguild.org

