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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.

# Depending on their faith to give them hope



Dear Friend of Catholic Charities,

**A**fter Hurricane Ida's passage through our region, Archbishop Aymond, Deacon Martin Gutierrez, and I traveled throughout the Archdiocese to speak with pastors, parishioners, and others who had been greatly impacted by the storm. As I reflected on all that I had seen, I was reminded of the adage regarding faith, hope and charity. To the people we saw, I was heartened to see and hear that their faith in God, their church, and their leaders had not been shaken. Indeed, they were depending on their faith to give them hope that the next day would be better than the one before it and that with the support of each other and their community they would rebuild. Charity is the manifestation of the love we have for our fellow man and fulfillment of His request that we "love one another". It is what drives us to share that what is so graciously given to us by God with those that struggle through hardship. I hope that as you read through the items in this newsletter you are also heartened to see your "faith in action" and join me in prayer for continued faith, hope, and charity to all who are struggling in our Archdiocese.

*But now abideth faith,  
hope, love, these three;  
and the greatest of  
these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13

God bless each of you!

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

## SAVE THE DATE!

### OCTOBER 30

The Archdiocese of New Orleans and Catholic Charities' Respect Life Office and Archbishop Aymond host "Jazzed for Life" on Saturday, October 30, 8:30am – 11:30am!  
*For more information, call 504-885-1509.*

### NOVEMBER 28

ACCESS Jazz Brunch was rescheduled due to Hurricane Ida. The ACCESS Jazz Brunch will now take place on Sunday, November 28 at Audubon Tea Room.  
Please purchase tickets by November 22.  
*For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.ccano.org/brunch](http://www.ccano.org/brunch).*

## CCANO and Brother Martin Assist Hurricane Ida Victims

**T**hrough Catholic Charities Volunteer Department, Brother Martin High School students volunteered at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Lafitte. They helped Ida victims with their homes in Lafitte. The Brother Martin High School Seniors cleaned house driveways, moved lumber, assisted with the drive-thru food distribution and helped clean the church yard!

Thank you to Brother Martin High School for working with us to help Hurricane Ida victims in need!

For more information about volunteering visit [www.ccano.org/volunteer](http://www.ccano.org/volunteer)







# Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal

Archbishop Phillip Hannan created the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) as a response to Hurricane Betsy. Since then, the campaign has continued to raise crucial unrestricted funds that allow Catholic Charities to respond swiftly, effectively and compassionately in times of everyday crisis or natural disasters.

THANK YOU to everyone who has made a gift to our 2020 Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) Campaign!

We are excited to announce Jacqueline and Renny Simno will serve as 2021 Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) chair couple!

Please keep them in prayer as they lead our AHCA fundraising efforts which help us serve over 50,000 people a year through 24 programs.

Gifts to the AHCA raise crucial unrestricted funds which support ALL Catholic Charities programs.

Your donation supports 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.

Help us in providing unrestricted funds that allow us to help our neighbors in need!

For more information or to Donate, visit [www.ccano.org/ahca](http://www.ccano.org/ahca).



## Project SAVE Client Finds Relief with Program

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Catholic Charities' Project SAVE helps those suffering with domestic violence. Project SAVE assists survivors of domestic violence residing in Orleans Parish to obtain free emergency legal representation.

Staff attorneys help with legal orders to keep survivors of domestic violence safe and to protect their legal rights. These legal services may include temporary restraining and protective orders, temporary child support, temporary custody, and temporary use of property. Attorneys may also make referrals to other social services and/or legal agencies as necessary.



Project SAVE helped me every step of the way...

order is filed with the court, they are referred to local organizations that can help represent them through their case.

Ivanna worked with the Court Help Desk and after her protective order was filed, she reached out to Project SAVE for representation in court.

"Kim came to us after filing her protective order. I worked to gather evidence to ensure we could be awarded the protective order from her abuser," Project SAVE staff attorney, Joan Miller, said. "Kim was a great asset for herself and a great witness against her abuser. Now she has the protective order and can feel comfortable caring for her young children."

Kim spoke about the difficulty of going through the protective order process alone and how Project SAVE and Joan gave her strength throughout the process. Kim's abuser was a repeat offender and she is thankful for Project SAVE and Joan Miller for empowering her stand up.

"When you're going through a domestic violence situation, you aren't in the best mindset dealing with the court," Kim said. "People like Joan and Project SAVE helped me every step of the way and assured me that I would be heard. She empowered me to keep up with what we established in court. She was invaluable and a way out for me!"

One such Project SAVE client, Kim, came to Project SAVE for help with a domestic violence problem. Kim has been working with Staff Attorney, Joan Miller, ever since she reached out to the program.

Clients often file their protective order with the help of the Court Help Desk, who walk the clients through every step of the process. Once the protective

Kim stresses the importance of filling police reports and following through with the difficult protective order process with the courts.

For more information about Project SAVE, visit [www.ccano.org/domestic-violence-services](http://www.ccano.org/domestic-violence-services).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### CORNERSTONE:

Catholic Charities' Cornerstone program is always looking for mentors, especially male mentors. If you're interested in being a mentor, contact Kristina Gibson at [kgibson@ccano.org](mailto:kgibson@ccano.org).

### ESL AND FAMILY LITERACY:

Trainings to volunteer for ESL (English as a Second Language) and Family Literacy will be held virtually. All volunteers must attend the Immigration and Refugee Services (IRS) training first.

Family Literacy – October 12 at 5pm

IRS – October 20 at 7PM

ESL – October 26 at 5PM

IRS – November 2 at 6PM

ESL – November 8 at 5PM

For more information, contact Sami Barefield at [sbarefield@ccano.org](mailto:sbarefield@ccano.org).

View volunteer opportunities by visiting [www.ccano.org/volunteer](http://www.ccano.org/volunteer) or contact Shannon Murphy at [smurphy@ccano.org](mailto:smurphy@ccano.org).



## HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET AND GIFT DRIVE

Be an angel to someone in need this holiday season! Please consider adopting a family's holiday wish list this Thanksgiving or Christmas. During the season of giving, you can provide families in need with food baskets, gifts and clothing.

Just a \$50 donation can provide a Thanksgiving meal for a family of 4! To make a donation for adopting Thanksgiving food baskets, visit <https://www.ccano.org/holiday/>

You can also purchase and drop off a basket by downloading and returning the 2021 Thanksgiving Family Adoption Form by early November. Download the Thanksgiving Adoption Form here: <https://www.ccano.org/holiday/>



If you would like to contribute this holiday season, please consider adoption a family for Christmas by filling out and returning the Christmas Family Adoption form. Download the Christmas Adoption Form here: <https://www.ccano.org/holiday/>

For more information about the Holiday Food Basket and Gift Drive, visit <https://www.ccano.org/holiday/> or contact Volunteer Services at [smurphy@ccano.org](mailto:smurphy@ccano.org) or 504-310-6962.

## CCANO Respect Life Office Celebrates Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month, all life from conception to natural death. The Catholic Charities Respect Life Office celebrates Respect Life Month by joining the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Archbishop Gregory Aymond in hosting our annual 2021 "Jazzed for Life" event!

*"Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love."* – Mother Teresa

We invite you all to join us for faith, fellowship, and fun!

Speakers ● Networking ● Refreshments

Saturday, October 30, 2021

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Archdiocese of New Orleans CYO Gym  
2241 Mendez St., New Orleans, LA 70122

*You play a vital role in educating your parish and the community on respect-life topics and how they can make a difference!*

We kindly ask that you RSVP by Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 by registering at

<https://www.ccano.org/jazzed-for-life-rsvp/>.

If your ministry would like to be a Vendor at this event, please complete the form on this link - <https://www.ccano.org/jazzed-for-life-vendor-registration/>  
For more information, call 504-885-1509.

Due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, masks are required.