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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.

Board Member and Development Committee Chairperson Natalie Barranco

Natalie Barranco first joined the Catholic Charities development committee in 2020. She was happy to be asked to join the committee as she previously had knowledge of programs that Catholic Charities has to offer due to her past work experience in public health. "Also, being a CPA, it's nice to be considered for something other than a finance committee," she continued. Natalie was then asked to join the CCANO Board of Directors along with accepting the position as chairperson for development for 2022. As the owner of a business consulting firm, Natalie certainly has a wide variety of skills to advise CCANO. Natalie started her business in 2017 and set it up to operate as a remote working company. This put her business ahead of the pandemic curve, when so many companies were forced to consider remote operations. In fact, they expanded their business when other companies were dealing with the "Great Resignation".



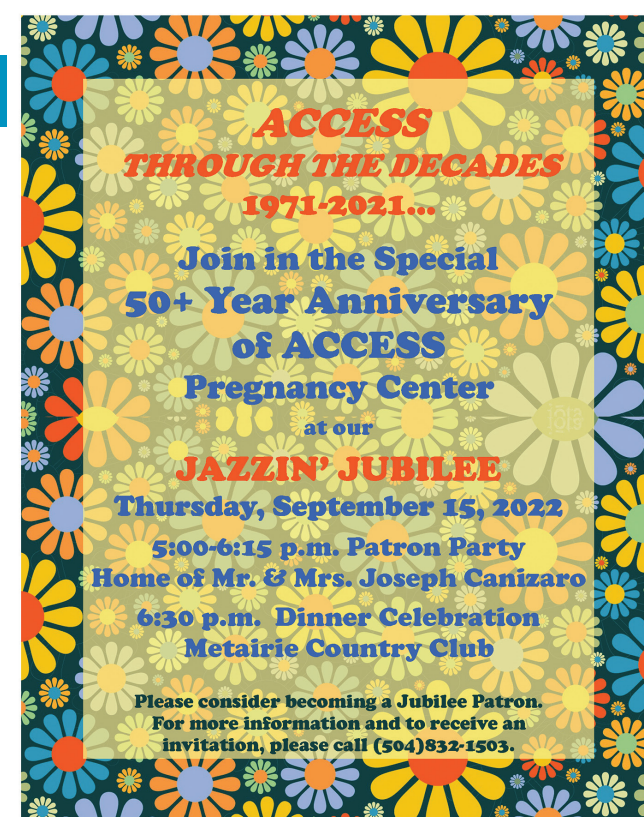
Natalie is excited to be involved with CCANO and has several goals in mind for us, including brand recognition. Although she had previous knowledge of some of the programs we offer, like Head Start and pregnancy and adoption services, she feels the community as a whole doesn't really know what we do. "There are a lot of programs at Catholic Charities that are able to satisfy many needs within our community. I am excited to be a part of an organization that reaches so many individuals and appeals to almost every interest in philanthropy." Catholic Charities is grateful for our board of directors and the contributions they continue to make to our organization and its programs.

SAVE THE DATE:

September 15, 2022

Join in the Special 50+ Year Anniversary
of ACCESS Pregnancy Center at
JAZZIN' JUBILEE!

Patron Party 5:00 - 6:15 pm and
Dinner celebration at
Metairie Country Club at 6:30 pm.
For more information go to
www.ccano.org/50thanniversary



Spirit of Hope Work Continues

August is a month that those of us who have lived in Louisiana since 2005 recall Hurricanes Katrina and most recently Ida. If you haven't already made your hurricane plans then now is definitely the time.

If you are still have trouble recovering from Hurricane Ida the Louisiana Disaster Case Management Program has teamed up with Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Endeavors and Workforce Group to offer case management by making resources accessible. This program connects survivors with home repairs for damage caused by the hurricane, utilities or storage assistance, temporary housing, food, access to health care or health-related needs and more.

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans is serving the parishes of Orleans, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist and St. Tammany. You can reach us at 985-605-5846.



Therapeutic Family Services: *Call to Action*

"I wish that no child would be hurt, hungry or homeless." Sharon Avist is a foster care parent who has a true calling for fostering children. For over 25 years Sharon has fostered girls in her home and has grown to love and have long term relationships with each and every one. The relationships she forms are forever families. Along with fostering, Sharon adopted Gabby who was

introduced to her family as a foster at 7 years old. "It really is a calling, and although it can be quite challenging at times, the rewards are great."



"I can't save the world but I can save someone." Fannie Scott currently has two foster children in her home and it can be challenging. Many of the children in therapeutic foster care are suffering from PTSD, depression, autism and others are dealing with medical issues and are in and out of the hospital or doctors' offices for a variety of ailments. Imagining these children in circumstances where they wouldn't have the opportunities to go to the doctor and get treatment is heartbreaking. More importantly having that person who is there with open arms to be a safe place where they can feel loved and cared for is the goal for our program.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster family please go to: <https://www.ccano.org/tfs/>

To donate to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans so that we can continue this important mission and expand it to serve more children in our community go to: <https://www.ccano.org/ways-to-give/>

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: ESL teachers Jan & Karyn

Janice Janz has been teaching English as a Second Language courses for 1.5 years here at CCANO through our Immigration & Refugee Services program. "I think this program does such a service to the community. I've learned so much and feel the program offers tremendous support for the participants and professional development for the volunteer teachers." Jan has been an educator for her entire professional career from working in the classroom to consultant to professor at UNO who taught prospective teachers. Even with all of this experience when she first began teaching the ESL classes she felt it was quite an eye opening experience. The students are some of the most invested individuals Jan has worked with. Their desire to learn to speak English is impressive. Although Jan does not speak Spanish she was paired with Karyn Williams who was learning Spanish which helped considerably.

Karyn Williams who has been teaching for 1.5 years here at CCANO, feels the experience has been enlightening and inspiring. "One of the most touching stories I have experienced working with the ESL students is a student told me how grateful she was to be able to finally communicate with her child's doctor and understand what the doctor was telling her." Karyn moved to Louisiana after retiring from working at a Federal Court in Missouri. "People should volunteer and give back to the community." Karyn states.



CCANO is grateful to all those that volunteer and fortunate to have individuals like Jan and Karyn to continue this important work in our community. If you are interested in teaching ESL classes please go to: <https://www.ccano.org/english-second-language-classes/> or contact Allison Hanson at ahanson@ccano.org.

Community Health Fair

Head Start joined with Louisiana Department of Health and New Orleans East Hospital to host a Community Health and Resource Fair. It was held at Greater St. Stephens Church on Read Blvd. on July 19. Covid-19 vaccines and boosters were provided as well as registration to Head Start and Early Head Start programs that begin this month.



PACE is now PAC certified

In partnership with Ochsner, PACE has benefited immensely with PAC training. This was initiated with the help of Dr. Nelson from the PACE Board of Directors. PAC stands for Positive Approach to Care and is a training developed by Teepa Snow. Teepa Snow has developed a more positive and dignified system to care for those with dementia. It is an intensive and enlightening program that four of the PACE care team are working toward or have already received certification.

Mary Kulas, Lori LeDuff, Mia Ford and Jenelle Smith are participating. Mary and Jenelle are training to train others on this positive approach to care while Lori is training to be a coach and Mia is already fully certified as a family consultant. Mia is working with families to better cope with a loved one with dementia. One important lesson is that the individual with dementia is not "doing it on purpose". Realizing everyone including those living with dementia need the four basics to "fill the day" is key and really helps caretakers to step back and handle every day better. These four things include feeling productive or valued, leisure activity, self-care for both your person and your surroundings and rest.

