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CATHOLIC CHARITIES INDIANAPOLIS - CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Catholic Charities Celebrates Centennial in 2019

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019 with the theme "**Be the Light**". For 100 years, Catholic Charities has been serving anyone in need. The agency was founded after the end of World War I, when Most Rev. Joseph Chartrand, Archbishop of Indianapolis, called on Fr. Maurice O'Connor to become the director of what was then called the Catholic Community Center. From its very beginning, Catholic Charities has been a pioneer in social services, leading the way in providing a holistic approach to an individual and family in need.

All of you are important partners in our history because you believe in treating each person we serve with respect and dignity, with the goal of helping them become as self-sufficient as possible. As we begin 2019, we celebrate how you are the 'the light' for so many in our communities. There will be ways throughout the year that you can "**Be the Light**" in celebration of our 100th anniversary.

You can join in the **#BeTheLight** campaign by volunteering, donating to Catholic Charities or joining us at one of our events. You can also share your story about your Catholic Charities experience by using **#BeTheLight** on social media or on our website at www.helpcreatehope.org and clicking on the "Tell" button. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities.

SEEK Conference Donates Items to Catholic Charities

More than 17,000 young adults from across the country gathered in Indianapolis in early January for the SEEK 2019 conference. As a way of giving back, attendees were encouraged to bring winter clothing and personal hygiene items to donate to those in need. Catholic Charities was one of the organizations selected to receive donations along with St. John's Garden Door ministry. In total, the



SEEK conference filled over 35 50-gallon barrels with donations. The outpouring of support to Catholic Charities by the young people that attended the conference is truly inspiring. Those that serve and are served by Catholic Charities are extremely grateful for the love and care shown by the SEEK attendees.

Organizations Support the Christmas Store with Toy Drives

There were several groups that supported the Christmas Store by holding Toy Drives this holiday season. We would like to especially thank the Catholic Business Exchange and the students at Brebeuf Jesuit High School for their generous support to the Christmas Store. In total, the two groups donated over 100 toys for the Christmas Store. The Christmas Store served over 850 families in 2018 thanks to generous support of donors and volunteers like these.

Holy Family Shelter Receives \$1 Million Grant

Holy Family Shelter is blessed to be one of 10 organizations to receive a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. The grant will provide Holy Family Shelter with \$1 million over 3 years to strengthen their long-term financial sustainability plans. Funds from the grant will be used to provide upgrades to the shelter, improve staff development and grow financial support. Holy Family Shelter serves over 300 homeless families each year. Support from organizations like Lilly Endowment makes it possible for Holy Family Shelter to provide much needed services in our community.

Save the Dates

Simple Soup and Bread Luncheon to benefit the Crisis Office

Date: Holy Thursday, April 18th

Location: Catholic Center

Details: A time for reflection, prayer and sharing a meal. Each guest receives a decorated bowl created by Cardinal Ritter students.

Tickets: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=8963e7>

Spirit of Service annual benefit for Catholic Charities

Date: Tuesday, April 30th

Location: Indiana Roof Ballroom

Details: Keynote speaker is Ed Carpenter. Dinner and awards. To sponsor a table, please contact Cheri Bush at cbush@archindy.org or 317-236-1411

Tickets: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=07d45e>

World Refugee Day Celebration

Date: Thursday, June 20th

Time: TBA

Location: Catholic Center

Details: Global music, artwork, ethnic foods and dress, activities for children.

**18th Annual Golf Scramble
to benefit St. Elizabeth|Coleman pregnancy and adoption agency**

Date: Sunday, June 23rd

Time: Noon

Location: Bluff Creek Golf Course

Details: Shotgun start at 1:15pm, dinner and door prizes to follow

100 Years of Providing Help, Creating Hope, for All

Date: Wednesday, November 20th

Time: Mass: 6pm

Reception: 7pm

Location: Catholic Center

Details: Liturgy at the Cathedral and ticketed dinner reception with Archbishop Thompson

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