

#BETHELIGHT

CATHOLIC CHARITIES INDIANAPOLIS - CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

#BeTheLight

Catholic Charities Indianapolis was founded in 1919 to serve the poor and hurting of the Indianapolis community. Our programs provide quality services in **counseling, child, youth and family support, eldercare, emergency and specialized services, and pregnancy and adoption services.**

In 2017-18 Catholic Charities Indianapolis programs served nearly 75,000 people. Among those served, the majority are women and children, who live below the federal poverty level. Through the generosity of our donors and volunteers we can provide quality services to more individuals and families in need.

Our Mission

The staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities Indianapolis are called by the Gospel to uphold the dignity of all people. Guided by Catholic social teaching, we consider it a privilege to deliver compassionate and caring service to help and empower those in need.

Senior Companion Program Recognizes Volunteers

In November, volunteers with the Senior Companion program were celebrated and thanked for their work and dedication to the program. They went to the penthouse at Ivy Tech's Corporate College and Culinary Center for a luncheon provided by Ivy Tech students. David Bethuram was the guest speaker and a string quartet from Herron preformed during lunch.

Sandra Beckley received a 10-year service recognition for her commitment to the program. Sandra spends 8 hours a day with her homebound client and, besides providing companionship, also assists with scheduling doctors' appointments and coordinating home delivered meals.

Senior Companions are individuals 55 and over that provide the gift of friendship to older adults through regularly scheduled home visits. Companions assist in preventing feelings of loneliness and social isolation while improving self-esteem. It is the goal of senior companions to keep clients in their home for as long as possible. Currently senior companions serve 125 clients and provide over 1500 hours of service a week in the community. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Senior Companion [click here](#) for more information.

Catholic Charities Indianapolis (CCI) sponsors the Senior Companion Program (SCP). The Corporation for National & Community Service, a federal agency, provides major funds and administers the SCP.



Spirit of Service Awardees Announced

The awardees for the 2019 Spirit of Service Awards have been announced. These individuals strive to live out the mission of Catholic Charities by the work they do in our community. Congratulations to this year's recipients:



Lanny Rossman



Yan Yan - Youth Award



Liz Stanton



Jim Morris - Community Service Award

Annual Report

[Click Here](#) to read our 2017-2018 Annual Report to see the impact that we are having on those most in need 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. [Click Here to RSVP.](#)

Spirit of Service Annual Benefit for Catholic Charities

Date: Tuesday, April 30th

Location: Indiana Roof Ballroom

Details: Keynote speaker is Ed Carpenter. Emcee is Rafael Sanchez. Dinner and awards. Sponsorship, table and individual ticket information can be found [here.](#)

World Refugee Day Celebration

Date: Thursday, June 20th

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Details: TBA

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 1:15 pm, 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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