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"Today too, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others."

-Pope Francis

MISSION STATEMENT *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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

"100 Years of Providing Help, Creating Hope, Serving All"

Date: Wednesday, November 20th
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Catholic Center
Details: Liturgy at the Cathedral and ticketed dinner reception with Archbishop Thompson

Christmas Store

Dates: Tuesday, Nov. 26th through Tuesday, Dec. 17th
Details: For more information on how to volunteer or donate to the Christmas Store visit www.archindy.org/christmasstorehelp

Closing of Centennial Year at Evening of Lights

Date: Thursday, December 5th
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Catholic Center
Details: Watch for registration information in upcoming eNews and on Facebook.

Simple Soup and Bread Lunch to benefit the Crisis Office

Date: Thursday, April 9th
Time: 11:30am
Location: Catholic Center
Details: Reflection, Prayer and Fellowship

Archdiocese of Indianapolis Legacy Gala

Date: Friday, April 24th
Time: 6:00pm
Location: J.W. Marriot Indianapolis
Details: The 1st annual Archdiocese of Indianapolis Legacy Gala benefitting Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools and Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary. More information will be available soon.

Caregiver Support Groups:

Northside: Indiana Interchurch Center
1100 W 42nd Street 46208
Fourth Thursday of the month, 5:30 -7p.m.

Southside: St. Mark Catholic School
541 E Edgewood Ave, Indianapolis, 46227
Third Monday of the month, 5:30- 7p.m.

Details: Support groups are for family and friends caring for adults aged 60 and older. Registration for groups is required. Please contact Monica Woodsworth at (317) 261-3378 to reserve your spot.

To sponsor an event, contact Cheri Bush at cbush@archindy.org

Catholic Charities will continue to be 'light' for others

Women and men who bring hope to others—that's the mission behind what we do here at Catholic Charities in the archdiocese. Many of the individuals we serve come from experiences of darkness: the loss of a job, an illness, a breakdown in their family structure. Many face homelessness and hunger.

At Catholic Charities, our work of bringing hope is more than just giving those in need a roof over their head or food to eat. It's about helping people become self-sustaining and realizing God's will for them. Life transformation is our goal.

On November 20, Catholic Charities of the archdiocese will be celebrating its 100th anniversary with the theme "Be the Light."

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. It led the way in many innovative social service programs and partnerships with other Catholic health care and educational institutions.

Catholic Charities has grown tremendously beyond the Indianapolis area, expanding its services and coverage area to include the diocesan counties in and around Bloomington, Bedford, New Albany, Tell City and Terre Haute. It now serves 210,000 individuals annually.

Although a lot has changed since our founding in 1919, our mission has remained constant: to provide service to those in need, to advocate compassion and justice in the structures of society, and to call all people of goodwill to do the same. Our focus is on helping those who can move out of poverty and caring for those who are not able to do so. We serve in this way because our Catholic faith compels us to serve those on the margins and those who are most vulnerable.

Catholic Charities have been nimble and efficient throughout our history in providing compassionate and effective care. As we look toward the future, there is a tremendous need for Catholic Charities in the Indianapolis community.

Please know that Catholic Charities commitment into the next century is to provide help and hope for our neighbors in need. If you'd like to know more about Catholic Charities 100th Celebration events, please visit our website www.helpcreatehope.org. I ask that you pray for the staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities that we will continue to shine Christ's light for all we serve.

David J. Bethuram

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Executive Director

Providing Hope and Friendship



Henry* is a 91-year-old Veteran living with his elderly wife, Betty*. Both are in poor health which isolates them from the outside world. Henry's VA Station Supervisor connected them to the Senior Companions program. They were matched with Lucy age 62, to provide respite and prevent social isolation. Henry and Betty look forward to Lucy's lively presence in their home. According to the Station Supervisor: "Lucy is very connected to Henry and Betty, and calls when she identifies a need the VA can address." Days are spent sharing meals, reminiscing, taking short walks and going

for rides. Lucy is able to steer the couple away from illegal phone solicitation scams thanks to a recent Program In-service Training. Lucy's weekday visits give Henry an increased quality of life, reduced social isolation and in concert with VA services enable him to remain in his own home.

Lucy looks forward to the opportunity to assist Henry and Betty. It gives her a purpose to get up each day. In addition, the small tax-free stipend she receives for client services makes an important difference in Lucy's quality of life.

The Senior Companion Program is sponsored by Catholic Charities Indianapolis which assures that companions are carefully screened, and receive pre-service, and continuing training and support. There are currently 78 Senior Companions. The Corporation for National and Community Service provides federal funds and administers the Senior Companion Program. Learn more at www.helpcreatehope.org.

*Names changed to provide privacy

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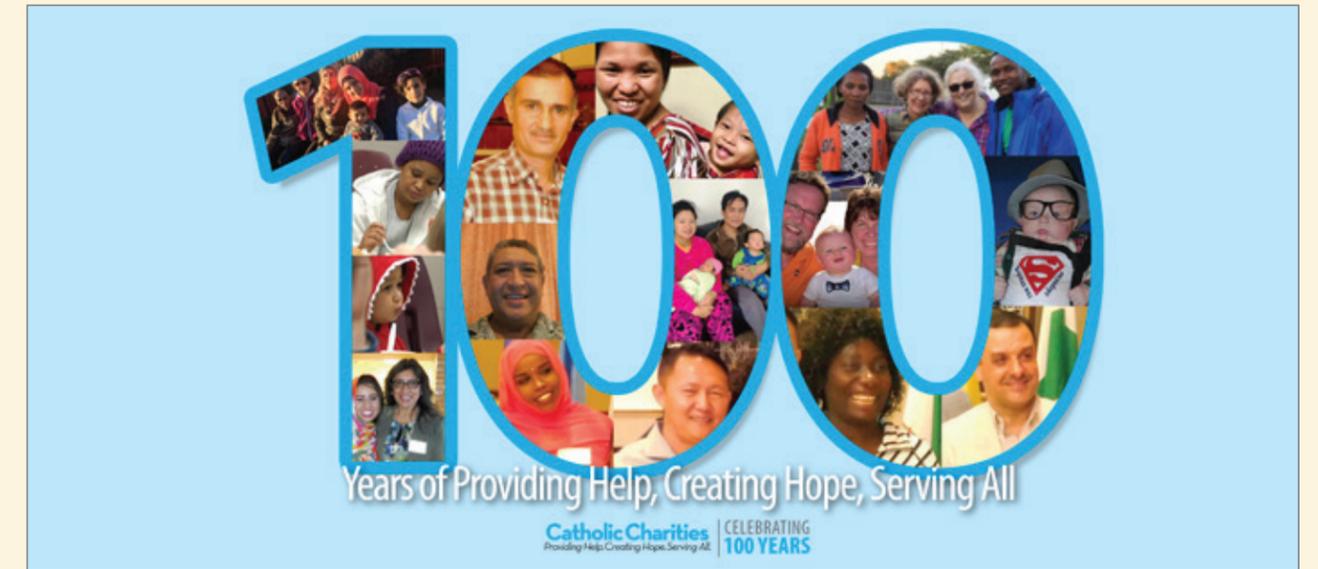
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Catholic Charities 100th Anniversary Mass and Dinner



The Secretariat of Catholic Charities will be hosting "100 Years of Providing Help, Creating Hope, Serving All" liturgy and dinner with Archbishop Thompson on **Wednesday, November 20, 2019**. This event will celebrate the century of impact Catholic Charities has had across Central & Southern Indiana and ensure the continued work for the poor and vulnerable.

The evening will feature mass at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, a reception and dinner. Sr. Donna Markham, OP, PhD, president of Catholic Charities USA, will be attending and speaking during the program.

For ticket information contact Cheri Bush at (317) 236-1411.

World Refugee Day Celebration



On June 20th, Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigration Services celebrated World Refugee Day by inviting the community to recognize those that have found a new life in America. Food, drink, dance, fashion and live music from a variety of countries provided the background for friendship and

celebration at the Catholic Center. Over 100 people attended this year's event.

Since 1975, Catholic Charities has resettled over 20,000 refugees in the Indianapolis area. Our compassionate services empower refugees to achieve self-sufficiency. For more on this program, visit helpcreatehope.org.

