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Serving all people in need in Perry and Spencer Counties

Catholic Charities has been quite busy since our last newsletter was published. As you continue to enjoy our beautiful winter weather, we ask you to remember all of our neighbors who are struggling with their heating bills.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of our annual report. Hopefully, it will help you understand some of what goes on at Catholic Charities and how important your continued support is to our programs.

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have started our second bereavement support group. Martin’s Cloak Food Pantry and Matrix Lifeline are continuing to be strong programs helping many people in need of basic necessities. Words on Wheels, delivering books to home-bound seniors, is undergoing some changes to hopefully become a more involved program. Our financial assistance program continues to be very busy. We have seen a sharp increase in the number of homes needing help paying their heating bills. In November we celebrated National Family Week with Catholic Charities USA. This week supports the belief that children live better lives when their families are strong, and families are strong when they live in communities that connect them to economic opportunities, social networks, and services. These connections include: economic self-sufficiency, family sustaining jobs, dependable transportation, reliable child care, accessible health care, applicable education and training, and affordable housing.

God has given us all so much. We live in a great country and have freedoms only dreamt of in other parts of the world. As we enter the Lenten season, let us reflect and give thanks for the ability to worship God in freedom. Let us be always mindful of those who struggle on a daily basis just to meet life’s necessities and let us be willing to share our bounty with them.

May God continue to bless all of you in your everyday existence. Thank you so much for all that you have done to support Catholic Charities through sharing your resources. Your continued prayers will help us continue to grow and serve the poor and vulnerable in our community.

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The mission of Catholic Charities Tell City is to work together as parish communities, fulfilling the call of the Gospel, to help people improve their lives. We believe that through reaching out in service to those in need, by loving our neighbors as Christ loves us, we not only enrich their lives, but ours as well.

Our Dedicated Advisory Council

Photos provided by Catholic Charities USA (Alexandria, VA), Secretariat for Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Catholic Charities Bloomington.

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Partnerships and Programs

Partnerships and collaborations are the key words for Catholic Charities as we try to find the best way to serve our neighbors in need. We recognize that we cannot do everything, but we must do something. By partnering with other organizations we all accomplish more. We are dedicated to serving the poor and vulnerable in Perry and Spencer Counties and that often means reaching outside the Catholic community. There are several examples of partnerships currently being used in our agency.

Catholic Charities Martin’s Cloak Food Pantry is a member of the Perry County Food Coalition. Participating food pantries meet every other month to discuss ways to better serve the hungry. In addition to Martin’s Cloak operated out of St. Martin’s, a small food bank is housed in the building where Catholic Charities is located. This allows the food coalition to hold food drives on its behalf, such as the Election Day Food Drive, and the food collected is sorted and stored at the food bank until the food is picked up.

Matrix Lifeline has joined with Lincoln Hills Development Corporation and other area school and health agencies to bring a program into the high schools to teach our young people abstinence and wise choices concerning their sexuality. This program is sorted and stored at the food bank until the food is picked up.

Our biggest and most important collaboration is with our donors. Words on Wheels is a direct collaboration between Catholic Charities and the Perry County Library.

Our crisis assistance program has joined forces with the Perry County Clergy Association and the Salvation Army. Individuals in need of direct assistance only need to make one phone call to Catholic Charities, instead of three, to access financial resources. Our clients have meager resources and we help to conserve them by having one access point. We have applied for grants to help fund this program. In addition we are able to help more families because of the generous fifth Sunday collections that take place in many of the churches in our deanery.

We are working with a prescription assistance/advocacy company that helps qualifying individuals get free or reduced pricing on prescriptions. Catholic Charities and the United Way of Perry County work together closely in many areas. This year Catholic Charities was in charge of the Holiday Helpers coat drives and distribution. We have attended regional meetings on homelessness and poverty and are currently working on methods to tackle these problems in our community.

Council Corner

Marlene Kunkler currently serves as the president of the Advisory Council for Catholic Charities. She did not plan on being president, but graciously stepped forward when the former president had to resign due to personal and business commitments. Marlene joined the Advisory Council in March 2007 and was elected as our vice president in June. She has wholeheartedly embraced her role on the council and is willing to help in any capacity.

Marlene resides with her husband Jerome, “Pete”, in rural Perry County and is a retired school teacher. They are members of St. Mark Catholic Church.

In addition to her role on the Catholic Charities Advisory Council, Marlene is involved in many other volunteer capacities. She volunteers with the Council of Agencies, Visiting Nurse Association, and the Perry County Right to Life where she can always be found helping in the Schweizer Fest food stand. At St. Mark’s church, she is a Eucharistic Minister and church lector. She is a member of the St. Mark Homemaker club as well as serving as the treasurer for the Perry County Extension Homemakers.

Marlene sews blankets and bags for Riley Hospital as well as local nursing homes. Crisis Connection and Healthy Families. She can be found every year helping with the bingo at the local church shooting match. Marlene also quilts for her parish.

These things are just what she is doing right now. In the past, she has been involved in numerous activities through church, school, 4-H, and civic involvement.

Marlene believes in the role that Catholic Charities plays in helping our neighbors in need. Since joining the council, she understands more fully the breadth of our mission and says “the need is so great”. Marlene looks forward to continuing to learn about and support Catholic Charities. She issues the following to everyone: “I feel blessed, even if we don’t have huge bank account. You, too, can have this feeling. Give time, money, or food. The need is great.”

Thank you, Marlene, for your commitment, leadership, and compassion.
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Secretariat for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries

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Each agency serves any person in need in their respective deanery, with the exception of our adoption services available in Indianapolis and New Albany. These two agencies are licensed adoption agencies for the states of Indiana and Kentucky.

Collectively last year all six agencies served more than 94,000 individuals with the combined revenue and support of $9,396,803 and expenses of $8,676,508. More than 88% of all funds raised go directly towards program and client support. The 35 programs administered by Catholic Charities help individuals and families work towards self-sufficiency and maintain their dignity.

Each agency has an advisory council to help determine local priorities. In addition, the secretariat (department) has an advisory council to determine the priorities of Catholic Charities as-a-whole.

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**Martin’s Cloak Food Pantry**

1,354 Families served
4,555 Individuals served
47,214 Pounds of Food Distributed

Martin’s Cloak Food Pantry is located in the basement of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Siberia, Ind. It operates on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. It is operated completely by volunteers, mainly from its home parish of St. Martin of Tours. A few parishioners are the wonderful leaders of this ministry. They make sure there is plenty of volunteer help, go to Tri-State Food Bank in Evansville once or twice a month to purchase food, attend Perry County Food Coalition meetings, and work every time the pantry is open. They do all of this with a willing spirit in the Lord’s name.

As prices continue to rise at the grocery store, at the gasoline pumps, for utilities, for medications, and other necessities, food pantries will play an even more important role in feeding the hungry of our area. The continued support of our generous donors is most appreciated in this effort and makes this ministry possible.

Martin’s Cloak Food Pantry is a member agency of the Perry County Food Coalition and Catholic Charities and is also represented by its agency director. This collaboration by five area food pantries, Catholic Charities, and the United Way of Perry County is an excellent example of organizations working together to stretch our resources in an effort to further serve the area’s hungry.

Local food drives were conducted and helped organized by Catholic Charities on Election Day in 2007 and the annual Letter Carriers’ Food Drive on May 12, 2007. We the Youth of Perry County and United Way Holiday Helpers Christmas program also conducted food drives on behalf of the coalition during the fiscal year 2007.

Donations of food items and money are needed and accepted year-round. To make donations of food items or volunteer on Saturday mornings, please call the Users at 812-357-5405. Monetary donations can be mailed to Catholic Charities, 802 Ninth Street, Tell City, IN 47586.

**Financial Assistance**

92 Families Assisted
266 Individuals Assisted

Emergency or crisis assistance is one of the most needed programs of Catholic Charities. The needs of our community reach far and wide and we do our best to assist them with the necessities of life in a respectful and dignified manner. Financial assistance is given for utilities, rent, prescriptions, food vouchers, transportation, emergency lodging, among other necessary items. The need increases monthly.

In March 2007 Catholic Charities began as the clearinghouse and distribution point for funds from our own Crisis Assistance Program as well as the Perry County Clergy Association Benevolent Fund and the Salvation Army Emergency Fund. This allows those needing assistance to make one visit or one phone call instead of three or four separate services. This arrangement has worked very well for the clients we serve and the organizations providing help.

To help fund our crisis assistance program, some of the parishes in our deanery have adopted a Fifth Sunday second collection. On those months when there is a Fifth Sunday in the month, a second collection is taken to benefit Catholic Charities. Through the generous giving on these occasions, we have been able to serve more of our area’s poor and vulnerable.

In addition to helping with financial assistance, we are often called upon as a resource center. We receive many calls from clients just needing information, encouragement, or a friendly and compassionate voice with which to share their story. We make numerous referrals to food pantries, transportation services, mental health counseling facilities, job possibilities, and other social service organizations.

We have begun a partnership with a company that has a prescription advocacy program as well as a wholesale pharmacy. Most pharmaceutical companies offer prescription assistance to qualifying individuals. However each company has different guidelines and paperwork. This prescription advocacy program helps low-income individuals receive more than 2,500 different medications at no charge by navigating the various requirements. They handle the paperwork and make contact with the pharmaceutical companies.

We are continually looking for ways to better serve the needs of our community by learning more about how to better deliver services: attending trainings on building sustainable communities and lessening poverty, and exploring complex issues with other interested parties in our area.

**Matrix Lifeline**

149 Families Served with Material Support

Matrix Lifeline advocates for the dignity of life in its most vulnerable state. It provides support and resources for local teenage and indigent pregnant women and mothers, alleviating many of the fears and uncertainties they may experience in providing for their infant child.

Pregnant women and babies require much support. Matrix Lifeline helps them by providing formula, diapers, clothing and furniture such as cribs and baby beds. Through caring, compassionate, practical support and problem-solving intervention, Matrix Lifeline offers indigent mothers and their children the opportunity to find hope and overcome obstacles toward participating fully in the overall life of the community. This also bolsters the woman’s sense of self, allowing her to become a better mother for her child.

Matrix Lifeline works closely with the Perry County Health Department and Healthy Families, a program of Lincoln Hills Development Corporation. A coalition of area school, health, and social service agencies has been formed to find funding and institute a program of abstinence and wise choices in our county high schools. Also in our future is a collaboration with St. Elizabeth – Catholic Charities in New Albany to bring professional pregnancy counseling and adoption services to our deanery.

**Creating Hope**

The needs of the poor and vulnerable are great and each situation is unique. Through community support we are able to offer individuals and families what they need to become successful in their lives. Sometimes it is financial assistance or food, but often times it is merely a listening ear to ease their loneliness.

A gentleman in Perry County suffers from emotional disorders and cannot work. He receives Social Security disability but his monthly amount has been reduced greatly because of his inability to keep up with his child support payments. Catholic Charities helped him get his medication through drug assistance programs and advocated on his behalf to get him in touch with our congressman to help resolve his financial situation because of the decrease in his Social Security support. We helped pay his utility bills and got him some food. Most of all, we listen. He often just needs to talk with a friendly face.

A young woman was traveling through the deanery when her car broke down with four children under the age of 12. They were in a sparsely populated area and pushed the car for more than a mile to reach a pay phone. Through help from Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, neighbors and the mechanic, everyone pitched in to get the woman back on the road after paying for the tow bill and repairing the alternator.