Dear Friends,

I often think about the wonderful work that Catholic Charities and similar agencies do to help those in need. The mission statement of Catholic Charities is to "relieve suffering and hardship for people in the community regardless of nationality, race, creed, or religion." This goal is to relieve suffering and hardship for people in the community regardless of nationality, race, creed, or religion.

Leave a Legacy

Give the gift of joy like Easter sunday. Please consider a gift to Catholic Charities through your will or a planned gift to provide lasting support for God's work through the Church. To discuss available options, please contact Jennifer Buell, Development Director, at jbuell@catholiccharitiesterrehaute.org or 812-232-1447 for a confidential consultation.

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Mission Statement

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More ‘confusion than clarity’ about HHS mandate, Cardinal Dolan says

R ecently, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York wrote a strongly worded letter to his diocese expressing concern that the federal mandate governing employer coverage of contraception and sterilization under the health care law violated religious freedom principles. This statement was expressed by those they serve.

Panera Bread Partnership

The Panera Bread Partnership is a collaborative effort to provide nutritious meals to those in need. Each month, Bernie turns in the weights to the Panera Bread manager needed the excess bread and pastries to 17 area soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, senior centers, etc. At the end of each month, Bernie turns in the weights to the Foodbank. Since that date, based on the collaborative nature of the Panera by Choice work, he has placed over 42,700 pounds of bread and pastries on behalf of the Foodbank. Every night at closing time, he heads to his van and delivers the bread and pastries to 17 area soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, senior centers, etc. At the end of each month, Bernie turns in the weights to the Foodbank. Since that date, based on the collaborative nature of the Panera by Choice work, he has placed over 42,700 pounds of bread and pastries on behalf of the Foodbank. The volunteer who usually picked it up was going to be out of town, so she asked Bernie and Mary Ann of Families by Choice if they were available to do it instead. Because Families by Choice is a member agency of Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank, they checked in with the director, Tim Kohl, who immediately announced that they were an “answer to prayer.”

Corporation Panera has a national contract with Feeding America. Every night at closing time, the excess product is donated to the area food bank representing Feeding America. The destroyed for the food bank as that the products have little preservation thus in and are not usually wrapped individually. Therefore, they have to be immediately dispatched to agencies and the hangry.

As spring bringing Thanksgiving 2010, Bernie and a few Families by Choice volunteers began his nightly habit to drive to Panera, pick up the bread, wheel the bread, and deliver the bread and pastries to 17 area soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, senior centers, etc. At the end of each month, Bernie turns in the weights to the Foodbank. Since that date, based on the collaborative nature of the Panera by Choice work, he has placed over 42,700 pounds of bread and pastries on behalf of the Foodbank.

When asked how people can help, the “You should never laugh and say, ‘I wish I could use some gas cards!’ But most every night a closing time, he loads his car and makes the run – and delivers it the following night to help the hangry.
Ryves Youth Center is a place where we seek to serve the “whole child” by encouraging participation in various activities. Many children walk through our doors each week and receive assistance with their homework, participate in the Soup Bowl program, get a bite to eat, and then recreate through basketball or boxing. Whether a child participates in an activity or many, the children are offered a place where they can feel included and loved. They are such an important part of the Ryves Youth Center Family.

What’s Your Game?

Ryves Youth Center offers a vast array of physical activity in which children can participate. Opportunities include activities such as karate, cheerleading, dodge ball and so much more, an opportunity to participate and gain the benefits of team sports.

Reading Program is a Successful Community Collaboration

Ryves Youth Center and Multiple Roots began the New Year with many activities as well as collaborations and partnerships. One of our premier partnerships is collaboration with the Terre Haute Community at a local soup kitchen. The event was a sell-out and more than $1500 was raised to benefit Terre Haute Catholic Charities’ Food Bank.

Although all children are offered the opportunity to participate in physical activity, we encourage children to continue their own activities in their lives. Whether a child participates in an activity, or many children, children really enjoy reading to their “big” buddy. In addition to activities, we are also able to provide many college students from ISU, local Boy’s and Girl’s clubs, and Religion Outreach help up to.

Working up an Appetite!

Each weekend children come to the Ryves Youth Center to receive a snack and a hot nutritious meal. None of our children can receive a meal and see any form of food as they are allowed to eat for quite some time now. The Ryves Youth Center is able to serve hundreds of children each month.

Clothes Closet Upgrades

The Clothes Closet is changing its face at Halloween. We have relocated the shopping area to the Bethany House Annex on the southeast corner of 14th and Locust. Appointments are available on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm by calling Bethany House at (812) 235-4879. All donations will be accepted at the gate and a warming beverage will be served.

Living up to the mission, the Closet has expanded its hours to Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Soup Bowl 2012

Soup Bowl Benefit 2012 is in the books and goes down as the most successful event ever! More than 800 attendees sampled 21 soups and enjoyed breads and desserts from local bakeries, brewed by 31 area attorneys, and two high schools while listening to 5 musical acts inside Memorial Community Church. The event was a sell-out and more than $1500 was raised to benefit Terre Haute Catholic Charities’ Food Bank.

Although all children are allowed to practice with their buddies, those who show ability and interest will be entered into the next competition. Education remains an important emphasis for the children at our youth center, and our reading program is a successful way to improve their reading skills. A continued collaboration with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is in the works as well.

ISU Partnerships

The partnership between Catholic Charities and Indiana State University began in 2011 to continue to offer great opportunities to our programs. Several ISU students participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and were struck with the individual’s stories.

Today we continue to provide hundreds of people with a weekly bag of food and new clothes, a hooded jacket, and a new pair of shoes for the season.

Our Food Drive Project

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