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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
EXCLUSIVE DONOR NEWSLETTER



The Good You Provided in 2023,
Your Annual Impact Report,
Tributes and Gratitude



Above: This past August, an Anonymous donor (perhaps like you!) gave more than 300 backpacks to La Casa Amiga and provided young students essential school supplies to help them succeed.

Right: Students at Catholic Central High School collect donated supplies for Walking with Moms in Need.



Above: 120 of 600+ AmeriCorps Senior Volunteers “give thanks” at their annual recognition luncheon.

Right: Celebrating 75 years of CCSEM service in St. Clair County (Thanks to donors like you!) more than 80 community leaders gather to explore new initiatives.



Above: Board members of Annual Celebration presenting sponsor Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council pose with Rev. Paul Ballien, The Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron, and The Very Rev. Jeffrey Day (front row).

Right: Students, family and staff representing St. Regis Catholic School deliver donations from their successful food drive to the pantry at the Center for the Works of Mercy in Detroit.

New Friends, New Initiatives More Dignity and Compassion

Thank you...
YOU made the difference in 2023!



At the Annual Celebration in September, in just 10 minutes donors like you raised more than \$55,000 in support of Walking with Moms in Need... that’s \$1+ for every baby expected in SE Michigan this year. **Thank you... YOU made the difference!**



Annual Celebration 2023 saw record attendance and raised more than \$215,000 in support of programs and services, thanks to donors like you!

More than 100 parishes participated in the annual November Parish Appeal bringing awareness and support to programs throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit.



Increasing Needs, Challenges *More Help and Hope!*

Right: Volunteers at All Saints Soup Kitchen in Southwest Detroit provide nutritious meals.



Below: Alumni of St. Matthew's School in Detroit review plans to repurpose their vacant school building into supportive and affordable housing.



Thanks to donors like you... All Saints Food Pantry, which reopened its doors in June of 2022, handled a 63% increase in demand and provided for more than 40,000 meals last year.

With the support of community partners, construction began on CCSEM's healthy housing initiative, The Residences at St. Matthews.



Right: Thanks to donors like you... La Casa Amiga hosted 219 families for Dia del Nino (Childrens' Day); a day of celebration, program awareness, and cultural exchange.

Below: CCSEM food pantries provided 84,000+ meals to 4,035 households in 2023... Thanks to donors like you!



In July, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan food pantries began offering small group tours to schools, parishes, and church groups. **Call Donor Relations at 248-469-0643 for an appointment.**

Senior Outreach provided food delivery and home visits to 1,627 at-risk and homebound seniors.

Right: Families at La Casa Amiga re-enact Mary and Joseph's search for lodging at Christmas Posada.

Below: Adult Day Services provides compassionate care and dignity for elderly clients, thanks to donors like you.



La Casa Amiga began a food pantry partnership with Forgotten Harvest resulting in more than 25,000 meals provided to low-income families, plus a 93% increase in clients seeking resources through the Center for Working Families and a 118% increase in demand for low-cost services at the Legal Clinic. **Thanks to donors like you!**





AmeriCorps Senior Volunteer Tribute: In Memory Of Connie Ross

GRATITUDE FOR... 34 years serving the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Thank You... for an amazing 34 years, Concetta "Connie" Ross! This past September, we had the privilege of honoring Connie for her service at our annual volunteer recognition luncheon (pictured above with special recognition letters from Paul Propson, CCSEM CEO, and Congresswoman Haley Stevens). Her daughters, Bernadette and Celeste, shared that **"Our mother believed in volunteering as long as we can remember and always said that you get back so much more than you give."** Over the years, Connie also volunteered at The League of Women Voters, Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Michigan Opera Theatre, and with the Ladies of Charity at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Her obituary shared Connie's secrets to living a long life: **"...have a strong faith in God, choose happiness and always make new friends."** Connie entered into eternity on November 27, 2023. She was 102. She was one of us.

Gratitude... from those **YOU** help

"...y Dios y La Virgen les proteja mucho y demaine muchas vendiciones a sus familia. Muchas Gracias." -**The Rios Family - May God and the Virgin Mary protect you and bless you and your family. Thank you very much.**

Thank you! And God bless you for the gifts for my Children. It has been a hard year for the children, and they have been really good. They will be very happy. Sincerely, Margaret T.

"Hola buen dia Feliz Navidad! Son epocas muy difencil, para todos te agradocio con todo mi corazon y mi familia el momento feliz que me has regalado." -**The Espinoza Family ...Merry Christmas! It is a hard time for many, and I thank you with all my heart for the happy time you are giving us... May God bless you... I hope there are more people like you to put some warmth in people's hearts.**



Tributes and Memorials from 2023

In Memory Of

Lyall & Mark Anderson * Joanne Ales * Mellany Barrett * Rosemarie Brown * Walter Bucki, Jr. * James Burdick * The Cassar Family * Stephanie's Mom & Dad * Theresa Darin * Deceased Spouses * Gildo & Theresa DiNardo * Claire Dumon * Jerry Fuller * Bernadine Gabryel * Michael Gonyea * Lilly & Grace * Roy J. Griffor, Jr. * Marion Hardy * Barbara Henricksen Fr. Harold Hivecher * Sabrina Hoffman * M. Jobin * Patricia Kenney * Fr. Fred Klettnea * Nagamani Koneru * Jerome Raymond Kott * Richard & Ruth Kroupa * Shelley Krupa * Jean Landego * Maria De Leon * Monica ZoeAnne * Leonardi Jocelyn * Marjorie Ligenza * Madeline Lokar * Donald Luzynski * Jos. Lybik * Shanay & Shanam Mahadeo * Shirley Mayville The Three Mech Siblings * Mom * Thomas Monkowski * Howard Morrin * Lottie & Robert Nalette * Leo Navin * Jim Nielson Margarita Garcia Ortega * The Pace Family * The Paesano Family * The Pais Family * Louise & Leo Palchesko * Nick Pasqualone * Maria Pelino * Paul & Bertse Poirier * Edward Pokoj * Perla Resto * Carmella Pollice Richmond * Concetta Ross Ann Ryntz * Anna Schauerte * Anna Marie Simiele * Rosa Marie Sosa * Maguerite Staten * John & Alice Teslak * Fr. Mariano Tocco * Michael G. Tocco * Trudy * Lawrence & Gertrude Van Overbrook * John Wojtowicz * Pamela Wright * Doris Yee

In Honor Of

Rev. John Bettin * Barbara Bray * Thomas & Kathleen DeGrazia * The Falconers * Family and Friends * Dan Gilbert Mary Ann & Mark Hoying * Dr. John Jacobi * Baby Jason * Jesus * Msgr. Charles Kosanke 40th Anniversary as a Knight Daniel Lamers * Suzanne Luberto * The McNeely-Hartkop Family * John McRoberts * Diane Menzo * The Mary's and Monica's The Blessed Mother * Rosa's Mother * Helen Milford * Jay & Ruth Otten * Ivonne Peralta * The Pocius Family * Thomas Rice Raymond Schnebelen * Marilyn & Mark Schultz * The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit Erica & Liam Whitesell * Robert & Mary Ziembiec 50th Wedding Anniversary