

WINTER 2026

your Works of Mercy

EXCLUSIVE DONOR NEWSLETTER



The Good You Provided in 2025
Food, Shelter, Clothing, Health,
Hope, Tributes and Gratitude



Above: Many children lacked beds until YOU got involved! Now, thanks to donors and more than 100 volunteers who built 53 new beds in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town"!

Right: Your support of the first annual Hearts for Hope fundraiser, held at Port Huron Golf Club, established play-based therapy for children in St. Clair County.



Above: Detroit's oldest free health clinic needed YOU to be their partner when management was assumed by CCSEM in October. Today Saint Frances Cabrini Clinic continues to serve those most in need, thanks to YOU.

Right: In just 20 minutes at Annual Celebration 2025, donors raised more than \$80,000 in support of programs at the new Center for the Works of Mercy in Detroit.



Above: YOU supported CCSEM stepping-in to save Waterford Encore Adult Day, helping vulnerable seniors and their families maintain a quality of life with dignity and compassion.

Right: CCSEM board members and partners celebrate YOU for expanding services at the Center for the Works of Mercy in Detroit which now also serves as a hub for food distribution throughout Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb.

New Friends, New Initiatives More Dignity and Compassion

YOU made the difference in 2025!



From the inaugural Hearts for Hope event in Port Huron to Saint Frances Cabrini Clinic Detroit's 75th Anniversary, YOU engaged with community to make 2025 a record year for providing help and hope to those in need throughout SE Michigan.

Thank you... YOU made the difference!



Thanks to YOU Annual Celebration 2025, held in September at St. John's Resort, raised more than \$300,000 to support CCSEM programs and services.

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



Increasing Needs, Challenges

More Help and Hope!

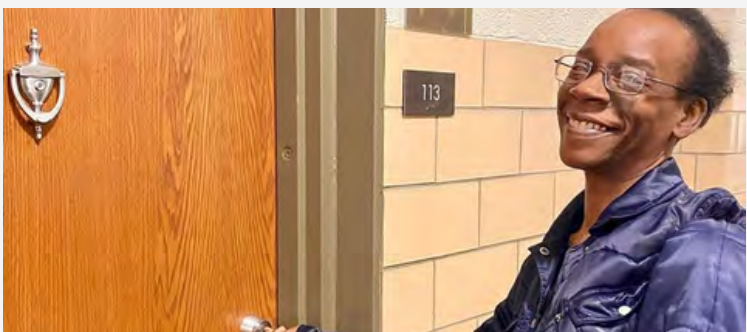
Right: YOU provided essential support AND helped move and distribute 40,000 pounds of donated food at the Center for the Works of Mercy in Detroit when SNAP funding was frozen this past November. (Also cover photo)

Below: Thanks to donors and volunteers, St. Leo's Soup Kitchen provided more than 20,000 nutritious meals to hungry Detroiters in need.



Right: Director Luz Acosta (Center) and the La Casa Amiga team gather at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for CCSEM's Annual All Staff Day.

Below: The Residences at St. Matthew leased ALL 46 new apartments to low-income and formerly homeless clients who receive supportive services... Thanks to YOU.



Right: During their annual Christmas Posada event families at La Casa Amiga re-enact Mary and Joseph's search for lodging and pay homage to the Christ child.

Below: 125 families and their babies benefitted from Light the World giving machine donations, providing essential baby items to moms in need throughout the year.



Thanks to YOU more than 10,000 vulnerable and hungry neighbors in need throughout Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties were provided nutritious meals by CCSEM food programs.



Would you like to help your less fortunate neighbor? Can you give one day a week, a month, a year to help those in need? Are you, your school, parish, or church group interested in a **volunteer** opportunity? YOU can find information about the many ways, from soup kitchens to clothes closets, that you can help those in need throughout SE Michigan on our website **at www.ccsem.org**



The past year saw **new collaborative initiatives** with several Catholic and secular nonprofits that benefit from CCSEM's administrative resources.

We are excited to now be working with **Saint Frances Cabrini Clinic, Waterford Encore Adult Day Programs, and St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit.**

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Those who are grateful for YOU and
tributes for those YOU are grateful for...

*Bearing witness to YOUR
mutually enriching encounter of persons*

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

"I really appreciate you guys. You are here for the community. You guys listen... it's the way you guys care." -Anonymous, Center for the Works of Mercy Client

*"Thank you for the gift of food... It is much appreciated!"
-Cathleen D., Mercy Market Pantry Client*

"The support I received reminded me that I am not alone and that my babies will be safe." -Rosa, Walking with Moms in Need Recipient



Tributes and Memorials from 2025

In Memory Of

Addison Leah Greenhill * Albert & Grace Martin * Allan Kosack * Ann Scarpelli * Anthony Masiello * Assunta Pecora * Barry Lerchenfeldt * Beverly Zalewski * Bishop Thomas Gumbleton * Carmella Police Richmond * Cathleen Margaret Rivard * Cecelia Plezia * Charlotte Kelly * Daniel Gardetto * Daniel Seitz * David Moses Green * David Sarnacki * Deceased Ferraiuolo Family Members * Dennis Mullins * Dennis Smith * Dominic Bitonti * Dominic Duhn * Don Asdell * Dorothy Cooper * Eleanor Lanni Da Via * Elizabeth Kitz * Emily Chris * Florence & Henry Tavery * Fred Babisz * George Durisin * Harvey Hohlfeldt * Helen Ruffing * Irene Gosler * Irvin Chris * Jake Burdick * James A Staelgraeve * James M. Albulov Jr. * Javier C. Rodriguez * Jean Kray * Jeanne Matelic * Jerome Kott * Joanne Taylor * Joe Pacion * John & Kathryn Deans * John J. Ginther, Jr. * John J. O'Brien * John Lessard * John McGrath * John Scarpelli * John Vitie * Joseph Lybik * Joscelyn Owens * Joseph Clemente * Joseph J Tomczyk * Judith Barrett * Karen * Kenneth Charles Bush * Kenneth Operhall * Kristen Belz * Larry Frazier * Leo Winey * Leonard Jagels * Leslie Lange * Linda Macunovich * Lisa Quartana * Lottie Nalette * Lucien Boivin * Mabel Stevens * Margaret Ann Paul * Marilyn & Jim Irvine * Martinez Family * Mary Jo Thompson * Mary Ryntz * Michael Bozza * Michael Gonyea * Michael J. O'Brien * Micheleen McLeod Troutman * Mike Murphy * Mom, Dad, lil Joe, Sue, & Donnie * Nan & Joseph Plas * Nerena Mullane * Pamela L. Wright * Pat Loomis * Patricia Knoll * Patricia Kosack * Patrick & Margaret Keating * Pauline & Harold Papson * Pauline Smarch * Phil Williams * Regina Paesano * Rick Arkenburg * Rita Bookmyer * Robert Nalette * Rose Masiello * Rosemary Huston * Russell King * Sabina Lybik * Sam S. & Irene Bellestri * Sr. Mary Ellen Walenta * Sr. Marilyn Gottemoeller, RSM * Stanette Booza * Stephen & Ida Maniaci * Steve Ashe * Steve Stefansky * Suzanne Moser * Ted, Geri, Edward, Edith, Loretta, Tracy * The Centivany Family * The Holy Souls in Purgatory * The Kidwell Family * Tony Cibulskis * Trent DesOrmeau * Virginia Pacion * Wayne Hildebrant * William Robert McLaury, Sr.

In Honor Of

Admiral Kevin P. Chilton * Angela Ryan * Anne D. O'Kane * Annie Propson * Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger * Barbara Carey Declerk * Deacon Michael McKale * Dennis W. Archer * Ella, Gianna & Alessia * Gail Bilkie * Governor Whitmer * Greg Cornellisen * Helen Milford * Jan Sheddowsky * Jeanne Gross * Joseph J Tomczyk * Judith Ann Davis Santavicca * Kate & Sonny Lama * Kay & Steve Kerlin * Keith Keveney * Marilyn Adams * Mike Napoletano * Nicole & Michael Mix * OLQM Catholic Church (Beverly Hills) * Patricia Brosnahan * Paul Burneikis * Paul LaPlant * Paul Propson * Roger VanHqvermaat * Rosie Vulaj * Scott A. Waldorf * Sr. Donna Markham * The Falconers * The Lord Jesus * Theodore & George Piepszowski * Theresa Del Favero Darin * Tim Stachelski * Yolanda M. Hall



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living water of grace at Detroit's
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