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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

EXCLUSIVE DONOR NEWSLETTER



The Good You Provided in 2024
Your Annual Impact Report
Tributes and Gratitude



Above: La Casa Amiga distributed 250 donated backpacks at their back-to-school event, providing students and their families essential school supplies.

Right: Holy Family Regional School 8th grade students, with the encouragement of CCSEM CEO and school alumnus Paul Propson, celebrated Catholic Schools Week by completing service projects at La Casa Amiga.



Above: Senior Outreach Program hosts a pop-up food pantry at a local independent living community.

Right: AmeriCorps Seniors R.S.V.P. conducted a sock drive involving 26 parishes and organizations that contributed more than 17,379 pairs of socks to be distributed through local pantries.



Above: 2024 Annual Celebration presenting sponsor, Knights of Columbus State Council of Michigan, Board members (and wives) pose with CCSEM Board President, The Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron.

Right: Saint Joseph Center for Hope provided peer recovery coaches for their local emergency department in Monroe and was recognized as An Outstanding Community Partner for "Going Above and Beyond".

A Year of Outreach: Engagement and Service

Thank you for
the difference YOU made... in 2024!

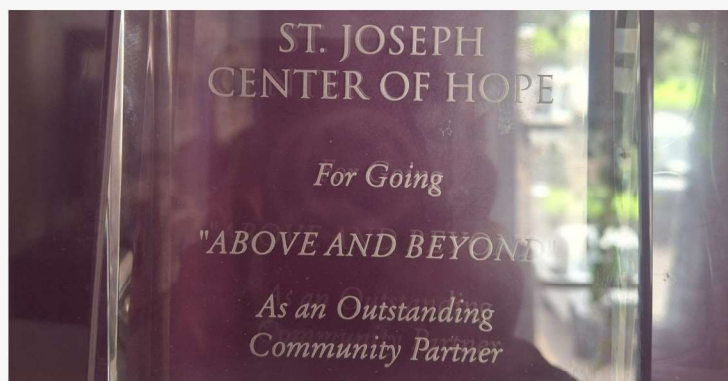


In 2024, almost a third of all resources donated to help those in need were provided by individual donors like you. **Thank you... YOU make the difference!**



Annual Celebration 2024 saw nearly 400 guests raise more than \$300,000 in support of CCSEM programs and services!

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



Providing, Giving, Delivering...

More Help and Hope!

Right: Senior Outreach Program driver (and logistics whiz-kid!) Mick D. provides nutritious food, including fresh meats and produce, to homebound seniors via partner DoorDash.



Thanks to donors like you, the Senior Outreach Program provided more than 45,000 meals to homebound and vulnerable seniors last year.

With the support of community partners, construction on the Residences at St. Matthew healthy housing neared completion with occupancy expected this spring.



Right: Thanks to donors like you... La Casa Amiga Center for Working Families provided tax filing assistance for those in need.



Below: CCSEM food pantries provided 72,000+ meals to 4,507 households in 2024... Thanks to donors like you!



CCSEM Behavioral Health Services provided 12,978 hours of compassionate, Christ-centered, professional counseling services to 1,057 clients throughout the archdiocese.

Adoption and Foster Care programs helped 93 children and young adults find loving homes.



Right: La Casa Amiga Prevention Programs helped youth develop skills to support a successful lifestyle.

Below: Adult Day Services provides compassionate care and dignity for clients, thanks to your support.



Thanks to donors like you... In 2024, 20% more families with children benefitted from La Casa Amiga Prevention Program resources.

In Auburn Hills and Saint Clair Shores, Adult Day Care services provided 17,260 hours of caregiver respite and adult day care for those suffering with dementia or cognitive disorders.



AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program Tribute: Two Extraordinary Women

GRATITUDE FOR... 20 years of service



Thank You... Zora Bender (left) and Bessie Somerville (right). Both volunteers have served in Pontiac schools and school programs throughout their tenure. They have been Foster Grandparent volunteers at Herrington Elementary School during the school year, and summers at the Pontiac Library Summer Reading Program, Grandma Reads a Story, La Casa Amiga, Whitman Human Resource Center, and Murphy Park Summer Programs. Both ladies raised their own families in Pontiac where their children attended Pontiac Schools and they both have grandchildren in addition to their "FGP grandchildren" that they have supported, loved and inspired.



Their commitment and contribution to the Foster Grandparent Program, and to the students of Pontiac and the Pontiac community is truly remarkable and immeasurable. Their compassion, love and "big hearts" are on display every day. Both have overcome adversity during their 20 years always coming back saying, "I have to help my kids, they need me".

Gratitude... from those **YOU** helped

"I want to thank everyone for (your generosity) as part of the Adopt-a-Family Program. Thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness. I hope you know how very much you are appreciated...

What a difference you make!" -James G.

Tributes and Memorials from 2024

In Memory Of

Mary Anderson
Steve Ashe
Peter Ballo
Fr. Donald Bates
Derrick Beard
David Beres
Leonard W. Bogus
Catherine Bumgarner
Lois Campbell
Patricia Cepko
June Cousino
Kevin Dabrowski
Theresa Del Favero Darin
John and Kathryn Deans
Patricia Diekman
Linda DiGregorio
Dorothy Doherty
Dolly Dowd
Friends & Family
Audrey Fusinski
Sue Gadola
Helen, June, and Claudia Gallup
Patricia Ann Geroux
Patrick Gibson, Sr.
Mark S. Grazioli, Jr.
Mary Jane Grazioli
Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

Edward Hagerty
Leonard Jagels
Gregory S. Jonesku
Russell A. King
Jerome Raymond Kott
Jean Landego
Marybeth LaPlaca
Marie Della Lucia
Irene Lukasek
Donald A. Luzynski
James Macy
Bill Miller
Christine Mitchell
Louis R. Molla
Mom
Kathleen Murphy
Lottie and Robert Nalette
George Nebel
Sally Ann Nemeth
Joseph Pacion
Virginia Pacion
Regina Paesano
Jean Papcun
Nicolas Pasqualone
Bernie and Rita Pavlosky
Amelia, Heidi, and Anna Perszyk
Harry Pierce

Nancy Quinn
Carmella Pollice Richmond
Chester and Margaret Rule
Mary Ryntz
Sonya Saison
Frank E. Sall
Chase Sammut
Anthony Scalzi
Frederick Schefsky, Jr.
Anna Schauerte
Helen Seitz
Edward and Ardella Shedlowski
Clifford Thomas Simmons
Donald Sloan
Joann Sobiechowski
Mary Lou Sullivan
Joseph Szewczyk
Rita May Taylor
John and Alice Teslak
Diane Zebuski Tomczyk
Rose Tomczyk
John Vitie
Juliet Warner
Bill Weaver
Leo and Bea Winey
Barbara Youngblood
Margaret Zichi

In Honor Of

Greg Cornellisen
Anthony and Christopher D'Angelo
James R. Duprey
The Falconers
David Gibson
Sarah Kupka
Daniel C. Maher
Zelie Marie Manesia
Deborah Meade
Patricia Mercader
Helen Milford
Melissa Miller
Mais Moran
Mari Panter
Paul Propson
Ryan and Monica Sibel
Thomas Suter
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Donielle Wunderlich

