

The Mission

OUR MISSION IS TO BE CHRIST'S MERCIFUL LOVE TO THOSE WHO SUFFER

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Showing Compassion for Tornado Victims

The tornadoes hit hard in central Oklahoma during May, and thousands of people lost their homes and other worldly possessions. We pray for the 48 people who lost their lives and for all who love and miss them. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City was a leading first-response organization, but like other Catholic Charities around the country, the Oklahoma City organization will be providing long-term assistance to people affected by these natural disasters.

Bishop Edward J. Slattery of the Diocese of Tulsa called for a special collection at Masses during Memorial Day weekend. Our Catholic Charities coordinated the collection and recorded the donations, then quickly sent the funds on to the Oklahoma City Catholic Charities. As of June 27, 2013, the donations totaled \$239,533 from more than 1,900 individuals and families. This generous support will help thousands of people!

The Oklahoma City Catholic Charities' staff and volunteers attended daily to the needs of the storm victims at five locations, including El Reno, Shawnee, Little Axe, Norman, and Moore. Services included cash assistance, food, utility and rent assistance, counseling, and more. Patrick Raglow, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese, reported in mid-June that there had been 3,036 client intakes. In addition, 700 individuals and families had been helped with food. More than \$361,000 had been distributed to those in need, and there are many more months of service to come.



2013 OKLAHOMA TORNADO RELIEF

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Working Hand In Hand

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley said in an open letter, "Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City and we as an archdiocese will work with many others to ensure a smooth and comprehensive response not only to the immediate needs of those affected by the violent storms, but also to their long-term needs as they rebuild their lives. We're there for the long term and we're usually the last ones to leave."

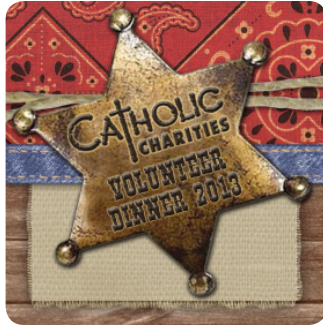


MaryLynn Lufkin, Coordinator of Catholic Charities' Sallisaw Helping Center, and Red Cross volunteer, Ann Ruiz, review assistance applications before starting their day at a temporary shelter in the gymnasium of a Methodist Church in OKC. MaryLynn was one of several case workers sent by organizations across several states to assist with disaster relief in Oklahoma.



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Catholic Charities' 2013 Volunteer Dinner was held June 9th at the "CC Corral". Attendees had a blast in the photo booth by GOOD TIMES Photo Booth by O'Neill.



Finn, Abby and Maddie donated the \$22 they raised at their lemonade stand to help the tornado victims.



Catholic Charities' annual Marian procession and May Crowning was held on May 1st. The statue of the Virgin Mary was carried from Madonna House to the Chapel, followed by the crowning and adornment with flowers.



The 2013 Madonna House Tea was held on April 13th at Southern Hills Country Club. Guests enjoyed local entertainers, a candy bar, raffles, tea and more.





Ben, Tim, Christina and Jack Crawford (pictured from left) have been volunteering as a family for several years.

Volunteer Spotlight:

The Crawford Family

Volunteers Tim and Christina Crawford attend Church of the Madalene with their sons, Jack and Ben, who are entering 9th grade at Holland Hall. In addition to volunteering regularly in the food pantry and clothing center and helping with holiday food basket distributions for the past four years, Tim recently designed Catholic Charities' new computerized volunteer time-tracking software. Jack and Ben are also spending four hours each week volunteering in our education center this summer.

"We felt called by God to volunteer with Catholic Charities as a family," said Christina when asked what made her family decide to volunteer. "We volunteer here with Jack and Ben so that we can be their example that together, as Catholics, we make an impact on other's lives through prayer, love and service. By being hands-on with the mission of Catholic Charities, to help those in need, we feel so fulfilled, and we thank Catholic Charities for allowing us to grow as a family in love and faith with the Lord."



Learning the ropes

Matthew Cecchetto from Ecuador, Ana Maria Machado from Cuba, and Gregory Chang Charn Jer from Malaysia spent time in Oklahoma learning about the culture of the United States and Oklahoma.

Three Overseas Cultural Orientation Trainers visited Tulsa to learn about American culture so they can take it back to their home countries and educate refugees who are waiting relocation to the United States. Refugees receive a 15-20 hour overseas cultural orientation to help them adjust when they arrive and to help reduce culture shock. Catholic Charities Tulsa was one of eight resettlement sites selected across the United States to host the trainers for four days. The group visited refugees living in Tulsa, learned about services and educational opportunities that are provided to refugees in our community, and spent time enjoying some of our favorite Oklahoma pastimes including a hoedown, horseback riding, bowling, BBQing and swimming.

Save the Date!

cooking up  compassion

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Because your family is important to you,

we can help you plan.

When was the last time you reviewed your Last Will & Testament? Changes occur during life. If you are thinking about your legacy for family members and you also want to continue your charity for others, we at Catholic Charities can help. If you would like assistance on how to create or update your will, please contact us. This service and charitable financial planning with our professional staff are confidential and free of charge. To learn more about leaving a legacy, contact Mrs. Tish Stuart, CFRE, Director of Mission Advancement for Catholic Charities, 918.508.7116, or TStuart@CCTulsa.org.

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NEEDS HELP!
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COMPASSION!

STAY TUNED...

Wish List

*These are just a few items needed in our various programs.
Our donation drop-off hours are M-F 9am-3pm. Thank you!*

Box truck (with lift gate a plus - must be in working condition)
School supplies
Fans and new window A/C units

Migration & Refugee Services is resettling more than 40 refugees in the next month! These refugees arrive with little to no possessions and Catholic Charities sets up apartments for them with the necessities. We have an immediate need for:

Pots and pans
Dish sets
Silverware
Queen and twin sheet sets
New pillows
New towels and washcloths
Blankets
Baby items
Diapers - sizes 4 and 5
Toys

Gently-used furniture:
Couches
Kitchen tables
Chairs
Beds

(Furniture must be in gently-used condition. Please no rips, stains, or bugs.)