

The Mission

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

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Showing Christ's Love

Across the Diocese

When one thinks of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Tulsa, they think just that...Tulsa. The beautiful campus at Harvard and Apache is where most of Catholic Charities' 13 programs operate. What many don't realize is that the Diocese of Tulsa includes the entire right half of Oklahoma, and Catholic Charities' services spread the entire way, from Miami to Durant.

Catholic Charities Eastern Oklahoma Outreach Program operates four helping centers, located in McAlester, Muskogee, Poteau and Sallisaw. In addition, emergency assistance funding is provided through 16 parishes across eastern Oklahoma.

The four helping centers each have limited staff and numerous volunteers who work hard to help the people in their communities with food, clothing and other services. Parishes also apply for funding to assist with services they provide in their areas. Some parishes operate small food pantries while others provide limited financial assistance to those in need.

- Services at Sallisaw Helping Center include food, clothing, referral services, and limited financial assistance for rent, utilities and prescriptions. They operate Monday through Friday from 10am-2pm.
- Immaculate Conception Helping Center in Poteau operates a food pantry and provides limited financial assistance for rent, utilities and prescriptions on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am-2pm.
- St. Jude Helping Center in McAlester is open from 10am-6pm on Fridays and noon-3pm on Saturdays. Services include a food pantry, referral service and limited financial assistance for rent, utilities and prescriptions. They will be moving into a new space soon...a former grocery store with double the square feet of the current location!
- Catholic Charities recently began operation of the helping center in Muskogee and will continue to partner with St. Joseph Parish to provide food and infant clothing and supplies from Monday through Friday from 9am-noon.
- St. Mark Parish in Pryor works with Catholic Charities each year to provide coats and Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to those in need in their area.

For addresses and more information about these services, go to cctulsa.org/services.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Tulsa operates five physical locations: the main campus in Tulsa, plus helping centers in McAlester, Muskogee, Poteau and Sallisaw. Emergency assistance funding is also provided through 16 parishes.



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Cooking Up Love



Chef Devin Levine, CEC, created outstanding appetizers for the event. Devin has been our Chef Coordinator since the first Cooking Up Compassion in 2006.

David and Laurie Perkins did a spectacular job as our event chairs this year. We are so excited they agreed to chair the event again next year!



The evening ended with music and dancing with Admiral Twin and Ayngel McNall. A fun way to end a wonderful evening.

More than 850 people attended Cooking Up Compassion's ninth annual dinner event and live auction, which has raised almost \$5 million in its nine years. This year's event totaled more than \$500,000 for Catholic Charities programs.

Rich and Sally Minshall, this year's Honorary Chairs, spoke about their years of dedication to the mission of Catholic Charities.



SAVE THE DATE



MADONNA HOUSE TEA
Saturday, September 27, 2014

If you are interested in joining the planning committee for the tea, please contact Lindsay Hughes at 918.508.7115 or lhughes@cctulsa.org.

At the heart of planned giving...



Planned giving is more than a transfer of one's assets: it is the transfer of your heart and the values by which you have lived. If you want to show your love for your family members through your legacy and you also want to continue your charity for others, 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 Tish Stuart, CFRE, Director of Mission Advancement for Catholic Charities, 918.508.7116, or TStuart@CCTulsa.org.

Regret after Abortion?
Start healing now with Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.
Next retreat is June 6-8.
918.978.4673 or cctulsa.org

Call today. All calls are confidential.

Volunteer Spotlight:

Joe Flanders



Joe Flanders created Captain Compassion to promote the mission of Catholic Charities.

You may have seen Catholic Charities' purveyor of justice, Captain Compassion, as he calls us to our shared mission to be Christ's merciful love to those who suffer. The creation of Captain Compassion's message began with Joe Flanders, St. Bernard of Clairvaux parishioner, 2007 graduate of Bishop Kelley High School and 2012 graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design.

When asked why he volunteers at Catholic Charities, Joe said, "Art is my calling. It's weird for some people to say 'It's my calling to help the homeless' or 'it's my calling to legislate and rule fairly and justly' and I'm over here like 'I WANNA DRAW THE HULK FIGHTING BATMAN!' It's all I know how to do and it's what I do best. I meet this calling by releasing my family-friendly webcomic, Ninja and Pirate, every Wednesday and Saturday. It can be found at NinjaandPirate.com and it's a great fun read. When I was asked to make a character named 'Captain Compassion', I was really excited. Compassion is the most important part of not only Christianity, but all religions. If we condemn, judge, or oppress anyone, for any reason, I believe we are failing in our primal and most basic behavior as human beings. This is what life is about and this is what my art is about. I had a great time making ol' Cap for Catholic Charities and I hope you all enjoy seeing the cute little guy."

We appreciate this Catholic Charities hero and can't wait for you to see what Captain Compassion has to say next!

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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!

Fans and new window A/C units
School supplies
Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Hamburger/Tuna Helper
Peanut butter and jelly
Cereal
Pots and pans
Dish sets
Silverware
Queen and king sheet sets
New pillows
New towels and washcloths
Blankets
Baby items
Diapers - sizes 3, 4 and 5
Toys

Gently-used furniture:
Couches and chairs
Kitchen tables and chairs
Beds
Dressers

(Furniture must be in gently-used condition. Please no rips, stains, or bugs. It is most helpful if you can deliver donations, but if you have a large items or quantities of furniture, call Amber at 918.508.7182. Sorry, we do not have a need for televisions or refrigerators at this time.)