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"God's hand was upon this event from the very beginning... we are grateful that it happens each year for the people in our community" said Kathy Craft, Honorary and Founding co-Chairman. Along with Joe and Darcey Moran, she was recognized for leadership in creating this event that has grown each year.

### Cooking Up Compassion 2017 Record crowd brings record fun!



1,100 guests helped make the evening a success



One of the highlights of our live auction: Curlicue the goldendoodle



Catholic Charities' Next Gen Committee held a Bourbon Street pre-party for the under 40 crowd

Guests enjoyed appetizers by local chefs, a live auction, and a raffle, then danced the night away to the music of Zodiac

### Save the date for next year! Saturday, February 10, 2018



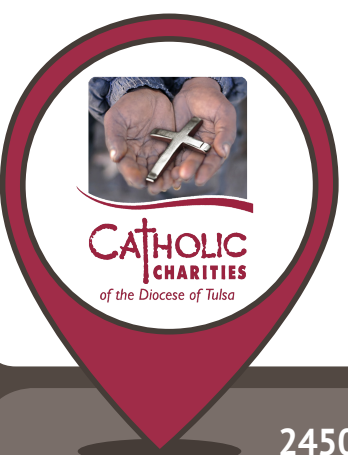
## YOU ARE CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities is not a United Way agency and does not receive funds from the Diocesan Development Fund. The vast majority of funding for operations is provided by individuals and charitable organizations.

By donating to the Annual Appeal, you help ensure that Catholic Charities continues to serve those in need in Eastern Oklahoma.

You may donate using the enclosed envelope or by going to our website at

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## COOKING UP COMPASSION INSIDE SCOOP

### Why we give: Lucia & John O'Connor

"We recently toured Catholic Charities and left with lumps in our throats. We saw people in line for clothing, the kitchen where hot meals are prepared and so much activity helping the poor and desperate. We saw bags and bags of toys lining the halls going to kids who wouldn't get anything from Santa if it didn't come from Catholic Charities. That's why we joined with Hon. John and Rochelle Dowdell in co-chairing Cooking Up Compassion, which raises money to provide the resources for more than 60,000 of our neighbors who need a hand."

We cannot thank them enough for their hard work and generosity that made this year's event a record-breaking year!



This year's Live Surprise winners enjoyed a delightful dinner party, Texas style, at Southern Hills Country Club with VIP guest Bishop David Konderla



## Get involved in new programs for our moms and babies!



Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer with moms and their babies? Do you like to read to little ones? Are you crafty? Do you have a skill or hobby you'd like to share? Madonna House and St. Elizabeth Lodge are looking for volunteers to help expand their

Talking is Teaching, Crafting with Claudia, and OSU-led Active Parenting classes. If you'd like to get involved in an existing program or if you have an idea for a new one, contact Sharisa McDaniel at [smcdaniel@cctulsa.org](mailto:smcdaniel@cctulsa.org).

## Education Program holds graduation ceremony



With 63 high school equivalency graduates for the 2016-2017 school year, Catholic Charities' Education Program decided it's time to hold their own commencement ceremony! The ceremony took place on Tuesday, May 23rd, at Cascia Hall Performing Arts Center.

"Our students are sharing their experiences at Catholic Charities with their friends and our education program is thriving!", said Giani Kantor, Education Coordinator. In addition to the Tulsa campus, Catholic Charities holds GED classes in Muskogee and Bartlesville.

## Dental Clinic recognized for excellence

Our own Catholic Charities' Dental Clinic was named a finalist for Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence (ONE) Awards. The annual event took place on April 29th, honoring outstanding nonprofits throughout the state for their work to improve their respective communities and change lives.



Jennifer Cook, DDS, Catholic Charities Dental Director, accepts our ONE Award from representatives Howard Barnett, David Hogan and Joe Moran

*As our volunteers know, a confident smile can change a person's whole life!*  
~ Jennifer Cook, DDS

David Hogan, Chairman of the ONE Awards Selection Commission, said, "From top level management to part time staff, these are committed individuals working together for the greater good of all Oklahomans. This is one of the best nights of the year for nonprofits." Each finalist receives a \$5,000 prize.



Executive Director Deacon Kevin Sartorius, Dental Director Jennifer Cook, DDS, Mission Advancement Director Laurie Perkins, Delta Dental Foundation Director Terrisa Singleton and Director of Programs Deacon David Hamel represented Catholic Charities at the ONE Awards banquet on April 29th.

Our dental program serves low-income, uninsured people of all ages. Many of our dental patients have never seen a dentist before and have various problems requiring extra procedures, time and counseling.

With the help of more than 45 volunteer dentists, 90 volunteer hygienists, 20 dental students and numerous other volunteers logging over 3,000 hours per year, our dental program is able to help thousands in desperate need of care each year.

## Next Gen Committee brings family volunteering to a new level

If you're an adult under the age of 40, it's often very difficult to manage a full-time job, raise young children and still find time to give back to the community. Catholic Charities' Next Gen Committee is elevating family volunteering to a new level with its Third Saturday Workday initiative, which kicked off on March 18th. The group welcomes under 40 individuals and families to participate in multiple projects on the third Saturday of each month from 9am-11am. Tours of Catholic Charities are also available. For more information or to sign up, visit [cctulsa.org/nextgen](http://cctulsa.org/nextgen). Of course, children are welcome!



## Vroom Vroom...Car Care Clinic celebrates 10 years!

Reliable transportation is a necessity when it comes to holding a job and supporting a family. With this in mind, the men of St. Benedict in Broken Arrow started the monthly car care clinic for St. Elizabeth Lodge residents 10 years ago. With help from O'Reilly Auto Parts, TU students and faculty, and other men from the diocese, St. Elizabeth Lodge residents receive valuable car repair services free of charge. Words cannot describe how much this group has meant to so many people! Thank you!

