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Chef Michael Fusco, a long-time top chef in Tulsa, has joined the staff of Catholic Charities as manager of Kitchen & Garden Ministries. Chef Michael brings his love of fresh ingredients and healthy eating by preparing delicious meals for our clients. Sharing a meal together is also an important opportunity for fellowship and community.

“ Fresh, local and seasonal is what I call “gourmet”. I hope to teach our clients to feed their families in a healthier way and Catholic Charities is providing more fruits and vegetables than ever before!

The reason I came here is because I want to work and live my faith at the same time.

I want to use my gifts of cooking, food service and hospitality...

it seemed like Catholic Charities was the perfect place to do that.

It's not only to serve the Lord, but I want to have more free time with my family. I have a 10- and 11-year old who want me to go to soccer games and football games. The demands of the restaurant business didn't allow me to do that. I'm thrilled about this new chapter in my life!

My long term goal is to minister to those in need. I want them to feel the Catholic Charities hospitality through our kitchen. Our clients are so important and serving them is our avenue to grace...because that is what Christ calls us to do.

Chef Michael Fusco

Manager | Kitchen & Garden Ministries

Want to learn from Chef Michael Fusco while serving the poor? Sign up to volunteer! cceok.org/volunteer

Chef Michael Fusco's Tomato Salad

- 1 pound cherry tomatoes, rinsed & cut in half
- 1 medium onion, diced (optional)
- 3 oz. olive oil (EVOO)
- 2 oz. balsamic vinegar
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbs. chopped basil (fresh is best)
- 1/2 tsp. sea salt
- Fresh ground black pepper to taste

1. Blend EVOO, balsamic vinegar and seasonings
2. Add tomatoes & onions
3. Mix well and refrigerate for 2 hours

Feeds 6 people



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Thank you to everyone who supported Cooking Up Compassion 2019. It was a great time for a great cause. We can't wait until next year's all-new event on Saturday, February 22, 2020!



Catholic Charities goes out in the community

More than 100 families from Unity Learning Academy in north Tulsa enjoyed a day of exciting games, activities and food at a block party celebrating the school's mission and success. The community event marked the school's first year as Unity Learning Academy.

The block party was an excellent opportunity for us to bring resources from our campus into the community. Catholic Charities' mobile food pantry and clothing store were on hand and Unity families were able to take home clothing and two bags of food.

The celebration was hosted by Catholic Charities, in conjunction with University of Tulsa Day of Service volunteers, the Gaining Ground Book Bus and Global Gardens.

Keep an eye out for more ways we're taking Catholic Charities on the road!



CC-MMO named best nonprofit in Bartlesville!

Catholic Charities Mary Martha Outreach was named "Best Nonprofit" in the Best of the Best Bartlesville Readers Choice Awards.

Mary Martha Outreach has been a stalwart in the Bartlesville community for more than twenty years, serving thousands of people each year, and we are thrilled it has become a part of Catholic Charities.



Watch our video!

To see an example of how your support is helping those in need, simply aim your phone camera at the QR code. Enjoy!

Bonfire! Way s'more than a cookout...

CC Next Gen kicked off the cold weather with gourmet burgers, craft beer, and a great big bonfire!

This "friend-raiser" brought together music by klondike5, s'mores, and more to the under-40 crowd and increased awareness of Catholic Charities' mission in Eastern Oklahoma.

For more information on Next Gen activities, go to cceok.org/nextgen.



“ CC Next Gen was established with the idea that you're never too young, it's never too soon to get involved in being Christ's merciful love to those who suffer. We aim to spread awareness about Catholic Charities' array of programs and encourage those in their exceedingly busy 20s and 30s to find time to serve. We've been overwhelmed by the response to the Next Gen initiative and look forward to watching Catholic Charities grow as more supporters build a long-lasting relationship with its mission!



AJ Hofland | Board Member | Next Gen Chair



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One effective way of teaching the principle of helping others is to model that behavior through support of charities. Children realize that they are here on earth not just to acquire assets, but also to find a sense of purpose and value through assisting others.

Planned giving provides benefits for your family and the organizations you support.

If you would like to consider a planned gift, we invite you to contact Laurie Perkins at lperkins@cceok.org or (918) 508-7116.