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With your prayers and support, Catholic Charities has helped thousands of people since it was started in 1951. We have entered a new era now that we are moved to the new consolidated campus at 2450 North Harvard Avenue.

Bringing most of our services and programs together in one location is a blessing to those we serve. Our clients comment on the pleasant surroundings and the privacy they have when meeting with case managers and other professional staff. There are numerous other benefits, including the large warehouse for storing and processing food and clothing, streamlining the way we provide all of our services, and the collaboration among our staff and volunteers in our 14 programs to serve people more effectively.



But the two most important benefits of the new campus are:

- Praying together at weekday Mass, during Morning Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our mission to bring Christ's merciful love to those who suffer in our midst is central to every task and our delivery of services to every client. Prayer makes us perform better in everything else we do for our clients.
- Offering those we serve a better opportunity to regain their dignity and overcome their distress. Our programs and services are readily available at the same location and with compatible hours of operation. This is most dramatic for the residents of St. Elizabeth Lodge and Madonna House. Our clients in these groups participate in day and/or evening classes in the new St. Katharine Drexel Education Program. They are able to attend personal and family counseling sessions. They are provided dental services at the new Mother Teresa Dental Care Center. Other programs such as the car care clinics and assistance for food and clothing are a short walk from the residences.

We have expanded the hours of service in several programs. In addition to daytime hours, Padre Pio Emergency Services, St. Anthony Clothing Center, and Mother Teresa Dental Care Center are open on Tuesday evenings and the third Saturday of each month. Classes are in session in the Education Center most Monday through Thursday evenings and some Saturdays.

There is so much opportunity to become even more effective in our services. The Board of Governors is updating the strategic plan for this new era. Our staff and volunteers are constantly reviewing and improving services and the way we assist those in need. We know this is a special time and we are grateful for God's love and guidance. Thank you for being part of this mission that is greater than all of us.

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Volunteers Make Our Mission

Catholic Charities' Volunteers Celebrate the Many Achievements of 2009!

On the evening of June 12th, more than 200 volunteers and guests swayed to the music of a steel drum band at the new Catholic Charities campus on North Harvard. The "Thank You Luau" was our way of saying thanks to all of the dedicated individuals who share their time, energy, talent, and gifts of ministry with the people we serve.

As the sun set and the band played, those in attendance danced, shared anecdotes and memories, and generally had a relaxing evening of fun and fellowship. Donated door prizes, gift certificates, party favors and the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards were given out that evening.

Some "Did you know?" volunteer facts about Catholic Charities' in 2009 include:

- Over 1,650 volunteers gave their time, energy and talent to serve through Catholic Charities – a 30% increase from 2008
- These volunteers offered approximately 43,500 hours of volunteer time – an increase of more than 8%
- The estimated dollar value of these volunteer hours equals over \$1,375,000 – yes, \$1.375 million – an increase of more than 24%
- 109 people gave more than 100 hours each for 2009
- On our first day open at this new campus, we served more than 585 households, and, in our first 3 days open, we gave away over 4,000 coats and more than 850 Thanksgiving Dinners

Catholic Charities served more than 50,000 individuals and families in 2009 - it could not have been done without our volunteers. THANK YOU!

If you would like to learn more about volunteering at Catholic Charities, contact John O'Neill at 508.7125 or joneill@catholiccharitiestulsa.org.

Our volunteers truly are the "hands of Christ" to those we serve.

Deloitte Impact Day – more than 100 staff from area Deloitte offices spent the day at Catholic Charities on Friday, June 11th doing beautification projects, working in the Clothing Center, Food Pantry, giving staff training, classes for clients and various administrative projects.



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Twenty-five energetic and enthusiastic students from the University of Tulsa planted over 70 trees on the new Catholic Charities campus on Saturday, March 6th.



Our volunteers lived it up at the Volunteer Appreciation Luau on Saturday, June 12th. Conga lines, live music and great barbecue were just part of the great evening celebrating our volunteers.



Families and individuals help in our Food pantry and Clothing Center with some of the basics of life.

Each of these volunteers gave 100 or more hours of service during 2009

- Kisha Alexander
- Patricia Applewhite
- Edith Augerbright
- Julie Back
- Irma Ballenge
- Maria Banuelos
- Dr. Vincent Barranco
- Amy Bayley
- Sister Mary Bernard
- Kim Berrey
- Angelo "Andy" Bidasio
- Mary Bidasio
- Barbara Blackwell
- Tracy Braunschweig
- Patricia Briggs
- Edward Burns
- Dora Butler
- Christopher Caldwell
- Anne Cannon
- Louise Cantonwine
- Lewis Carter
- Robert Casey
- Kathy Clarke
- Judy Cline
- Minerva Crump
- Regina Decker
- Mary Dezell
- Lucy Dierker
- Janet M. Dixon
- Ronnie Donnelly
- Tyler Dorsett
- Philip Duffy
- Dr. Everett Dunlap
- Carol Falletti
- Gerry Falleur
- Kenny Fields
- Charo Fitch
- Joyce Fox
- Edna Franchino
- Robert Fryer
- Barbara Garrison
- Mary Lee Gaskins
- Kristie Gibson
- Mary Kay Goetting
- Dr. James Green
- Geraldine "Gigi" Greif
- Steve Hanlon
- Dixie Highberger
- Dr. Manuel Hinds
- Dr. Robert Houston
- Barbara Huff
- Michael Judkins
- Dr. Jack Kauth
- Karen Kucera †
- Bobbi Leahy
- Jerri Lesikar
- Cheryl Lockwood
- Alba Lopez
- Lorraine Lowe
- Dr. Mona Mange
- Becky Mann
- Maurice Markwardt
- Dr. Richard Marshall
- Mary Martinovich
- Darlene Massad
- Tina McNeil
- Darryl Merle
- George Miller
- Richard E. Minshall
- Darcey Moran
- Sylvia Morgan
- Rev. Celestine Obidiegwu
- Stephanie O'Connell
- Mary Peugh Garcia
- Wayne "Dusty" Pezold
- Cindy Poor
- William Redell
- Lois Reynolds
- Victor Robinson
- Judy Schiffl
- Lyn Schmigle
- Alicia Scott
- Etta Sellers
- Trish Sherry
- Juanita Shewmake
- Marilyn Skaggs
- Jelene Slade
- D. Michael Spradlin, D.D.S.
- Carol Staubach
- Stanley Staubach
- Larry Stokes
- Paula Stokes
- Patricia Strait
- Jeanne Sullivan
- Joyce Tate
- Thomas A. Tejada
- Gladys Terrell
- Jessica Toussaint
- Denise Towsley
- Diana Tullis
- Paul E. "Ed" Tullis II
- Hilary Velandia
- Johnnie White
- Amanda Williams
- Emily Williams
- Daryl Woodard
- Linda Woodard
- Kristen Wulf

† Posthumously



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Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

August:

Saturday, August 7 **It's Time....Let's Adopt!** ~ a comprehensive overview of the adoption process
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Catholic Charities' Education Conference Room ~ 2450 N. Harvard
Contact Christa VanTassell, LCSW, Coordinator of Adoption Services ~ 508-7132

September:

Wednesday, Sept. 8 **Madonna House Auxiliary Membership Event**
6:30 p.m. Contact Lindsay Hughes ~ 508-7115

Saturday, Sept. 18 **Madonna House Auxiliary Autumn Harvest Arts and Crafts Festival**
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bishop Kelley High School ~ 3905 S. Hudson
Contact Lindsay Hughes ~ 508-7115

Saturday, Sept. 18 **Run for Life/Walk for Adoption**
8:00 a.m. River Parks ~ 41st Street Plaza
Contact Lindsay Hughes ~ 508-7115

November:

November 12-14 **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**
Contact Mary Lee Ingram ~ 508.7142

For more information on these activities and more,
visit www.CatholicCharitiesTulsa.org or call Lindsay Hughes ~ 508-7115

Would you like to start
receiving the Catholic Charities
newsletter by e-mail?
Please contact Lindsay Hughes,
Development Coordinator, at
lhughes@catholiccharitiestulsa.org
and let her know that
you are interested!



Catholic Charities Expands Counseling Services

Catholic Charities' Counseling Services continues to provide more opportunities for sound professional therapy and services. Fr. Celestine Obidiegwu has been a blessed addition to the counseling staff since last fall, providing additional hours of individual, marital and family therapy. Two graduate students were welcomed into the program in the Spring. They are completing the internship requirements for their Master's Degrees in Professional Counseling from Southern Nazarene University and will be serving Catholic Charities until the end of this year. P.R.E.P. Workshops (prevention and relationship enhancement program for engaged and married couples) are now offered at the Education Center on the campus of Catholic Charities. These workshops will be repeated throughout the year and offered in English and Spanish.

If you feel Catholic Charities' Counseling Services might offer help to you or someone you love, contact Quentin Henley, MSW, LCSW, at qhenley@catholiccharitiestulsa.org or 918.949.HOPE (4673)

*Quentin Henley provides counseling
to a Catholic Charities's client.*