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On-Campus Services for Pregnant Women Expanding

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Tulsa opened a new pregnancy services' program named Blessed Mother Teresa Women's Health Services on January 6, 2011. The program is a cooperative relationship between Catholic Charities and the Oklahoma State University Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. It is available to women who are pregnant or may be pregnant and are in need of medical services, which include pregnancy testing, prenatal care, and perinatal care. Initially, patients were only seen on Thursdays. As of July 1st, the program began serving patients on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Walk-in patients are always welcome, but appointments may be scheduled.



Dr. Joe Johnson, Chair of the OSU Obstetrics/Gynecology Dept., visits about patient care with a staff member.

So far this year, Blessed Mother Teresa Women's Health Services has served more than 125 women. They are cared for by attending physicians Joseph R. Johnson, D.O., James H. Beeson, M.D.\Ph.D., Lance Frye, M.D., and Williams Po, M.D., Michelle McElroy, D.O., Lori Gore-Green, D.O, medical professional staff and Catholic Charities staff and volunteers. Pregnant women will have seven prenatal office visits at the Catholic Charities location, plus one or more visits after the baby is born. Deliveries take place at OSU Medical Center or Saint Francis Hospital.

Patients are also offered wrap-around services from Catholic Charities as needed. These services may include counseling, education programs, food, clothing, translation and other services designed to promote physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional well-being. A new pregnancy education and support group will focus on such topics as healthy relationships, depression, nutrition, parenting, NFP, car seat training and other health related issues. Kim Kirksey, MSW, and other Catholic Charities staff are coordinating this group that meets every Thursday for both English- and Spanish-speaking clients.

In addition to obstetric services, the Catholic Charities' newly-named Blessed Mother Teresa Health Center houses the Blessed Mother Teresa Dental Services program established in early 2010.

Would you like someone from Catholic Charities to speak at your parish or group meeting? We offer speakers on a wide variety of topics. Contact Debbie Crowley, Parish Liaison, at 918.508.7114 or dcrowley@catholiccharitiestulsa.org.

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VOLUNTEER ♥ WEEK

Catholic Charities celebrated the outstanding service of our volunteers during the week of Valentine's Day. Set around the theme "We ♥ Our Volunteers", our employees served lunches. A staff team also traveled to Catholic Charities's Sallisaw and McAlester outreach centers to celebrate locally with those who serve in those communities. A little live music, special recognition awards for those who served more than 100 hours, and a general good time was shared by all.

Some impressive volunteer stats for 2010:

- More than 2,500 volunteers served in 2010 – a 51% increase from 2009
- These volunteers offered more than 61,000 hours of service – a 43% increase from 2009
- 175 of these volunteers served more than 100 hours – a 60% increase from 2009

All we can say is WOW and THANK YOU! With the valuable service of our volunteers, we will serve nearly 50,000 people this year.

Tea, Trends and Friends...



Spring was in the air at the 21st annual Madonna House Tea and Fashion Show! Women and children of all ages enjoyed gathering after the harsh winter weather at the Renaissance Hotel on March 5th.

Men, women, and children flaunted this season's hottest fashions from Dillard's and Lolly Garden to an audience of 250 people. The Bishop Kelley Jazz Ensemble entertained. The models were a sight to see as they strutted down the runway and interacted with the crowd! Some of the most popular models were

Father Jack Gleason, Father Gary Kastl, and Father Kerry Wakulich.

The Helen B. Lauinger Award was presented to Theresa Learn, a longtime employee of Madonna House. Our Angel Gabriel level patrons for this event, The Dill Foundation and Williams, and 22 other patrons helped raise more than \$28,000!

Thank you to Mandy Atkins, Event Chair, and the committee for making this such a fantastic event! Committee members included: Mary Bidasio, Debi Clancy, Guylene Dooman, Darcey Moran, Kim Nelson, Alison Stookey, Toni Wersal, and Mary Whelan.



Fr. Jack Gleason, left, and Fr. Gary Kastl, right, model today's latest fashions at the 2011 Madonna House Tea and Fashion Show.

At Catholic Charities, our mission is to be Christ's merciful love to those who suffer.

Catholic Charities is the primary instrument of the Diocese of Tulsa in carrying out the works of mercy by Catholics and others in fraternal goodwill through time, talent, and treasure.

Cooking Up Compassion Sizzles!

We added some spice to this year's Cooking Up Compassion with a new location!

The sixth annual Cooking Up Compassion was held on May 14th at the Tulsa Ballroom at the Convention Center. Over the past six years, we have raised an estimated \$3 million dollars! Cooking Up Compassion creates awareness of the work of Catholic Charities and raises funds for our mission of serving those who suffer.

The evening included delicious appetizers from 28 local chefs, a fabulous dinner prepared by Chef Devin Levine, CEC, and an exciting live auction. Another highlight this year was live music from Tulsa's very own Mary Cogan.

This year's Presenting Patron was the Mary K. Chapman Foundation. A total of 48 patrons sponsored the event, which raised \$490,000 in net proceeds!

A big thank you to Tim and Melissa O'Sullivan, co-chairs of this event, and all of our committee members: Jennifer Allen, Sheryl Boone, Kim Clement, Ellen Cook, Barb Drotar, Laura Ellsworth and Linda Woodard. The Patron Committee included co-chairs Rich and Sally Minshall and Joe and Darcey Moran, Randy and Jean Foutch, Pat Keegan and Becky Dixon, Tim and Melissa O'Sullivan, and Linda and Daryl Woodard.



From left: Most Rev. Edward J. Slattery, Bishop of Tulsa, Melissa and Tim O'Sullivan, co-chairs, and Rev. Dcn. Kevin M. Sartorius, Executive Director of Catholic Charities at Cooking Up Compassion 2011

Volunteer Spotlight: Donzetta Seals

For almost four years, Donzetta Seals has been a familiar face among the many volunteers and staff members at Catholic Charities. In the fall of 2007, Donzetta began volunteering in Adoption Services and has since added several programs to her resume of volunteer positions. She has taught English as a Second Language classes at St. Katharine Drexel Education Services as well as participated in several seasonal programs. Currently, Donzetta continues her work in Adoption Services and is a phlebotomist at Blessed Mother Teresa Women's Health Services.



Donzetta Seals, right, examines a lab sample at Blessed Mother Teresa Women's Health Services. Also pictured is Sister Mary Bernard, SSM, another volunteer.

Congratulations

to the 13 men ordained as permanent deacons on June 12th at Holy Family Cathedral. They include Deacon Kevin Sartorius, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, Deacon Bob Wilson, former Director of Transitional Services, and Deacon Dean Wersal, husband of Toni Wersal, Director of Emergency Services.

"It's an act of love rather than for pay. It reminds me of the scripture, 'Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another,'" she says. "I get excited about the opportunity to freely give in such a wonderful place."

Catholic Charities appreciates Donzetta and all our volunteers who make it possible to fulfill our mission to be Christ's merciful love to those who suffer.

Want to be more involved with Catholic Charities?

Would you like to share the mission of Catholic Charities with your parish? Want to help plan a fundraising event? Our Mission Advancement Department needs you! Contact Debbie Crowley at 918.508.7114 or dcrowley@catholiccharitiestulsa.org.

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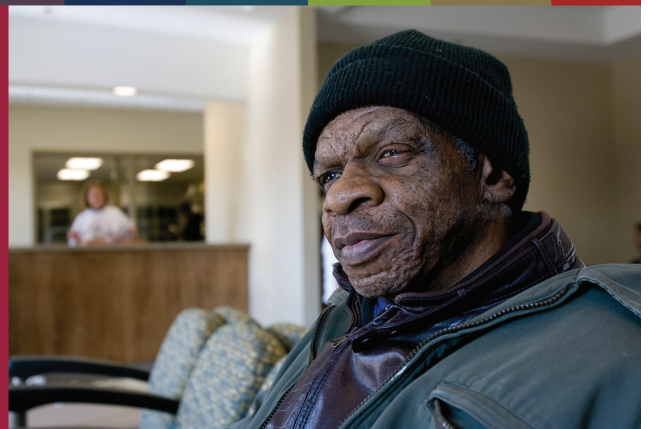
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\$1.5 million goal for 2011.
This will help serve 43,500
of our 50,000 clients in need.
Will you help us serve the other 6,500?



If you have already donated to Catholic Charities this year, we thank you.



Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday, Sept. 17
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Autumn Harvest Arts & Crafts Festival benefiting Madonna House
Bishop Kelley High School ~ 3905 S. Hudson ~ Tulsa
Contact Lindsay Hughes ~ 918.508.7115

November 4-6

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
Contact Mary Lee Ingram ~ 918.508.7142

*For more information on these activities and more,
visit www.CatholicCharitiesTulsa.org*