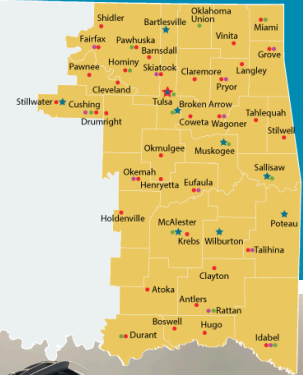


SERVICE IN ACTION

August 2024



Car Care Clinic

A new car care program, Car Care Clinic at Catholic Charities, is working to keep client's cars in dependable shape so they can get to their jobs, get kids to school, and perform other critical tasks.

The new clinic offers car repair to a limited number of Catholic Charities' clients each month. Prior to the new program's creation, car repairs were limited to those clients who were residents of either Madonna House (MH) or St. Elizabeth's Lodge (SLE).

Since there are more cars that need work than there are volunteers to fix them, clients are asked to apply for the repairs through their case manager, and are asked a couple of questions to help determine what parts might be needed to affect the repair, and to figure out if there are any critical safety issues with the vehicle that need to be addressed sooner rather than later.

The new clinic offers auto repair services to CC clients on the third Saturday of each month and continues to make repairs to residents' vehicles on the second Saturday of each month.

The team operates under a grant providing the garage, tools, materials and parts, but it's the volunteers who provide ALL labor. There are now two car care teams – one working the second Saturday servicing vehicles belonging to MH and SLE residents. Volunteers for that

program are: Steve Hanlon, Terry Rainey, and Joe Rywelski. Other team members rotate in as needed. Team members covering the (new) third Saturday clinic are: John Greek, Benny Brumley, Vijay Mallavarapu, John Paul Sartorius and Pat Cassidy.

The desire is for the Car Care Clinic to expand beyond two Saturdays a month, but more volunteers are needed to fill the labor gap. Volunteers do not need to have any experience working on cars to take part in "on the job" training.

It's the volunteers who make this happen! If you are interested in volunteering, please see Joe Rogers. (jrogers@cceok.org)

SERVICE COORDINATOR – CAR CARE CLINIC

This part-time role involves scheduling clients and coordinating volunteers to repair their vehicles, great for a people person! We're looking for someone with advanced automotive knowledge.

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**Congratulations
to all of our
2024
Summer Sizzle
winners!**
some winners not pictured here.



HANDS OF CHRIST

By Sr. Mary Kenechukwu Ozioko, IHM

“Caritas Christi Urget Nos”

As I reflect on my time at Catholic Charities, I find it difficult to believe that eight full years have passed since I first stepped into the welcoming hands of Dcn. Kevin, Heidi Massi, and Giani Kantor as they awaited my arrival at the front doors of Catholic Charities on the morning of August 17, 2016. Those welcoming hands and faces were just but signs of the warm embrace that awaited me from everyone I have encountered at Catholic Charities ever since.

Being thousands of miles away from home, Catholic Charities is and will remain a home away from home. At Catholic Charities, I have come to experience the love of Christ at a very deep level, a love that binds all together, despite differences in creed, color, and endowment; a love driven from the realization that all stem from the same root, God our heavenly Father.

It is this same love that compels us to be the hands, feet and eyes of Christ (St. Teresa of Avila). How often do we pause to think about being the hands, feet, and eyes of Christ as we go about our daily tasks, and yet this is the reality of our daily life at Catholic Charities and beyond! The living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving emanating daily from the Catholic Charities sanctuary animates our every day tasks and sanctifies the hands that carry them on enabling all to “enter into the divine mystery of being co-creators with Christ” (CC Handbook).

Yet, we all, employees and volunteers are not just the hands and feet of Christ, but His very face to all who show up daily at the doors of Catholic Charities. Yes, hands might not always be strong, and feet might not always be swift, but a simple gift of a smile is a steady assurance of His Merciful Love to all, ambassadors of which we are called to be.

It is this gift of smile that I leave with everyone at Catholic Charities. It is a gift of my love, of Christ's love, borne out of the love that I have experienced from and shared with all of you in these eight years.

A gift that can never be diminished by sharing. May we continue to be Christ's Merciful Love to those who suffer, and always with a smile!



A big CCEOK

Welcome!

to all of our newest volunteers!

Dominick Caballero - Dental

Ilver Aguilar - Disaster

Brad Sellers - Disaster

Omar Carreno - Education

Cheryl Newman - Education

Sury Yañez - Education

Tarajeon Warren - Garden

Gracie Ma - Immigration

Griffin Simmons - Market/Warehouse

Rick Bolton - MOC

Julie Story - MOC

Patty Hoppock - MMO

Angel Medina MMO

Joshua Cheong - Muskogee

Alita Hale - PCH

Sanlun Khup - PCH

Janet Mansker - PCH

Ronald Waycaster - Sallisaw

DeJah Page - Volunteer Office



A note from AmeriCorps

The AmeriCorps NCCC program was founded on the philosophy of service, intended to support American communities and nurture generations of civil leaders. The organization has been around since the early 1990s, with over 200,000 members driven to uplift fellow Americans in various areas. Our team, based in Oklahoma, consists of eight individuals from all over the country, each with a unique array of skills and strengths. We've been working closely with our sponsoring organization, Recovering Oklahomans After Disaster, which provides disaster survivors in need with home repair aid. Through their organization, our team has gained the knowledge and skills to replace shingles, flooring, installation, drywall, and siding. Six weeks into our eight-week project, we've completed work for two families in the Tulsa area with hopes of finishing a third before our departure.

Outside of our work with ROAD, our team has dedicated close to ten hours per person to the Market at Catholic Charities, working and learning alongside an amazing group of staff and volunteers. Throughout our time here, we have assisted with a variety of tasks, including stocking items, running carts, and working in the aisles. Catholic Charities has truly been an incredible organization to serve with. Every time we open those doors, we are met with genuine kindness and patience that translates into the tender care of clients. We have already learned and grown so much during our time in Oklahoma, and can't wait for more!



Youth from St. Monica and St. Augustine parishes had a retreat on the Tulsa campus of Catholic Charities before their recent Confirmation! Congratulations to these young people and thank you for being Love Changing Lives!

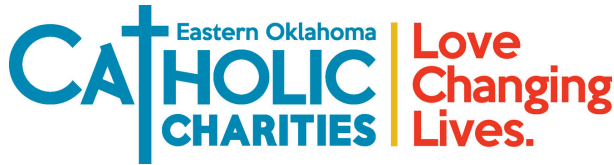


Volunteers at PCH held a retirement party for their friend and volunteer coordinator, Mary Nole. We'll miss you, Mary!



Catholic Charities will be closed on Thursday, Aug. 15 for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. PCH & Transitional Living will not close. Please check with the volunteer coordinator for the program(s) you volunteer in if you are not certain about your scheduled volunteer shift.

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