

SERVICE IN ACTION

October 2025



Last Afghan resettlement home set up, 4/18/22



Furniture Moving Team Delivers Hope

The Furniture Movers are another of the 'behind the scenes' ministries at CCEOK that helps individuals and families who need one or multiple household items to help get them back on their feet.

The team picks up very gently used, donated furniture and household goods, takes them to several storage locations, maintains an inventory of what is stored, and delivers items to clients in need at the request of various CCEOK programs. They are helping people rebuild their lives, one delivery at a time.

The team has its initial roots in the Afghan Resettlement Program, when many of them were either part of the team that delivered and set up furniture to the homes and apartments of our new Afghan neighbors, or helped in other capacities. The team became very close, and rightly so after working together to set up an impressive 65 homes and 98 apartments in a short amount of time between 2021-2022, and serving 801 Afghan refugees.

Once the Afghan resettlement project was finished, they moved their experience welcoming new neighbors over to CCEOK's Refugee Resettlement Program. When that program was closed due to government cuts to the national refugee process, the team wanted to continue serving those in crisis. They jumped in with the Disaster and Emergency Assistance programs to sometimes help deliver furniture, but mostly household goods. Those efforts have even blossomed into delivering for other programs as well.

The team's core members include Kathleen McGuire, Mark Marston, Sharon Washburn, Patty Hill, Chuck Merritt, Kathy Clarke, Tom Carson and Janice Wadsworth.

"The families we serve are so appreciative of the furniture and household goods they receive from this ministry," remarked Kathleen McGuire. "Their smiles, hugs and tears of joy are a huge reward to members of our team."



Thank you to the companies that volunteered across campus for the 2025 United Way Day of Caring!



HANDS OF CHRIST

by Carolyn Lee, front desk volunteer

Catholic Charities is built on fertile ground, "Love each other like brothers and sisters. Give each other more honor than you want for yourselves". (Romans 12:10).

With the help of the Holy Spirit, Catholic Charities strives to grow God's Kingdom through our commitment to love and serve our brothers and sisters. We believe that God created all His children in His Image and Likeness; and no human being should be denied or be without the basic needs to survive in this life.

We believe in God's will to support, defend, protect and feed the less fortunate using the resources we have available. We believe that God's promise of love, protection and guidance will saturate within Catholic Charities and be felt in the people we serve.

It is with great humility, and joy I get to work for a God like my God; It is a blessing to work with people who generously proclaim the good news of God's love. Catholic Charities is built on fertile ground – we live to love and serve.



The Volunteer Office's Barbara Bird (photographed with Adult Education Manager, Kyle Paddock) recently filled in as a substitute teacher for a HiSet Social Studies class. Our office tries to volunteer in different programs each year so that we can help recruit more volunteers by sharing our experience volunteering.

Spanish-speaking substitute teachers are needed in the Adult Education Program. Please contact the Volunteer Office at volunteer@cceok.org or 918-508-7126 if interested in learning more!



A big CCEOK

≡Welcome≡

to all of our newest volunteers!

Luke Bland - Administration
Emma Newman - Dental
Elaine Vang - Dental
Delaney Zumwalt - Dental
Elizabeth Krafft - Education
Lawrence Krafft - Education
Traci Palmer - Education
Maria Ball - Education MOC
Rayane Marvel - Education MOC
Teresa Torres - Education, Muskogee
Diana D'Souza - Education, SPX
Joe Perez - Education, SPX
Sister Layla Bergstrom - EA
Andrew Burgess - Immigration
Bruce Morrison - Kitchen
Amilow Casiano - The Market
Jared Robak - The Market
Rick Robak - The Market
Carmen Buller - McAlester
Louise RedCorn - MMO
Elder Bridger Barfuss - Muskogee
Nick Blakey - PCH
Suyeong (Mark) Choi - PCH
Cassie Parsons-Delgado - PCH
Luetta Fraley - PCH
Sonja Gatewood - PCH
Diana Medina - PCH
Mimi McDonald - PCH
Victoria Ogan - PCH
Dalia Olmos - PCH
Sister Abigayl Rasmussen - PCH/Market
Floyd Swint - PCH
Isabel Zielenski - PCH
Nedra Mallette - Sallisaw
Freida Munday - Sallisaw
Jose Juan Almanza-Martinez - Workforce Development

Volunteer for Annual Appeal!

A successful Annual Appeal drive helps CCEOK do more to help those in need. If you're a parishioner at one of these parishes, please consider working at the Catholic Charities table after Mass at your parish. Please access the SignUp Genius for your parish using these QR codes. Share about the amazing work you and your fellow volunteers do to be Love Changing Lives!

October 4 & 5

Madalene



St. Anne



St. Benedict



St. Pius



October 11 & 12

St. Mary



St. Clement



St. Henry



Oct. 18 & 19

Holy Family



All CCEOK programs will be closed Friday, Oct. 31, Solemnity of All Saints

*PCH & Transitional Living are always open


**Moctober
Fest**

Saturday, October 18th • 11a-9p
St. Anne Catholic Church

FREE ADMISSION
food • music • fun for all ages

Proceeds benefit the Ministry of Compassion

LEARN MORE AT MOCTOBERFEST.COM



Calling all volunteers!

The Volunteer Office has a new Facebook group, **Volunteers Changing Lives**. Please join our group and be in the know with all things CCEOK volunteer related!



Scan this QR code or search "Volunteers Changing Lives" on Facebook to join!

GET INVOLVED



Volunteer with us! cceok.org/volunteer

Join our Facebook Group!

For story ideas, feedback, etc.,
email: volcommunications@cceok.org

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