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Thank you for serving with us as the Hands of Christ

It has been 16 months since I took on my new role as Executive Director of Catholic Charities. During that time we have reviewed and analyzed operations, budgeting, and staffing, and with the leadership of Bishop Slattery and our Board of Governors we continue to strive to carry out our mission of bringing Christ's love to those who suffer in our midst. I am grateful for your commitment and all the people who serve as the Hands of Christ through the Catholic Charities' programs.

Please plan to join us on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, for the Blessing & Dedication of the new Catholic Charities' facilities. Bringing together most of our programs in one location will enable us to serve those less fortunate even more effectively.



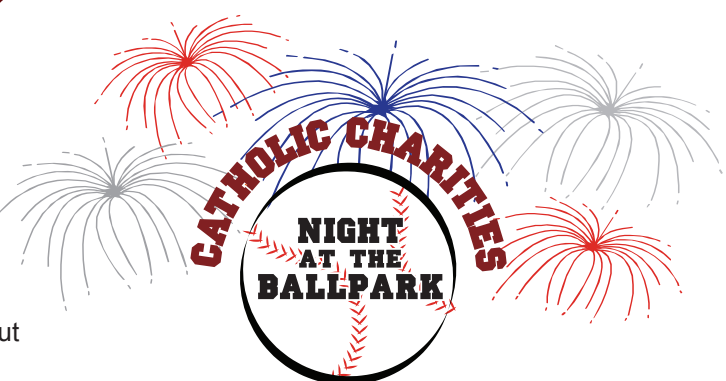
God's blessings!

Kevin M. Sartorius
Executive Director

Batter Up! Join Catholic Charities at the Ballpark

Come join us for a night of American tradition and fun at a Tulsa Drillers game! Catholic Charities is selling tickets to the June 26, 2009, Drillers game. Tickets are also available through your participating parish, so please be on the lookout for more information.

If you are interested in having some family fun and supporting Catholic Charities, please call us at 949-HOPE (4673) ext. 136 and reserve your tickets today!



**FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH
TICKETS \$6 EACH**

June 2009



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New Campus Update... Construction Going Well



Report Card: Support Services

In addition to our Padre Pio Emergency Assistance services provided throughout the year, thousands of people are also served through Catholic Charities' seasonal programs. None of these services would be possible without the generosity and support of our area parishes, companies and individuals.

Last Thanksgiving, Catholic Charities was able to distribute 800 turkeys, produce, and other extras to the needy. This was possible due to large donations made by St. Bernard's Parish, coordinated by Deacon Richard Campbell, and TRC Disaster Solutions; each contributed 300 turkeys! The remainder of the turkeys were donated by Deacon Tom Gorman of Holy Family.

Our St. Nicholas' Toys for Family Joy was also a success last year. With the help of 25 volunteers, 1,007 children enjoyed donated toys and games. We would like to thank those who helped gather donations, especially, Hillary Elias and the Church of Saint Mary, Monte Cassino School, and St. Pius X Parish and School. Cimarex Energy and Bryce Gallagher Insurance helped with the toy drives. Thank you also to Karen Murando and her daughter Cara Grace, who gave up her birthday presents this year to provide for those children in need. Volunteers are also an essential part of this program; thanks to our lead volunteer, Robert Casey, and elves Margaret DeWeese, Mike DeWeese, Jessica Westfall, John and Tracie Call, Chuck Smith, Jimmy Connor, Jay Stromblad, Kristie Gibson, Mary Martinovich, and Amie Jonckowski.



More than 320 volunteers worked together December 20th to provide the makings for a Christmas dinner at our Food Basket distribution. With their help over 700 families were blessed. Thanks to each and every one of them for making it a joyful day of service. Again, thanks to Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish for the large food donation.

Giles' Coats for Kids distributed more than 12,000 coats during the winter season, thanks to our community's generosity and the help of our partners at Yale Cleaners and the News on 6. Thank you to all of our volunteers and especially to Tom O'Leary, our volunteer manager.



Report Card

	Volunteers	Number served
St. Nicholas' Toys for Family Joy	25	1,007 children
Food Basket Distribution	312	700+ families
Coats for Kids	96	12,000+

Cooking Up Compassion Sizzles in its 4th Year

The 2009 Cooking Up Compassion event was sizzling! The night started with fabulous appetizers from chefs all over Tulsa. Guests enjoyed mingling, a fantastic dinner by the Renaissance Hotel, and an exciting auction. With your help we raised \$479,000 this year and had more than 680 people attend! Thank you to everyone who helped us make the night wonderful and for those who continue to support Catholic Charities to ensure that those suffering in our midst will get the help and care they deserve.



Guests enjoyed appetizers by 19 local chefs

The Most Reverend Edward J. Slattery and Nancy Arp Daley, Event Chair



Tony and Phyllis Lauinger, Honorary Chairs, Nancy Daley, Event Chair, Kevin Sartorius, Executive Director, Kathy and Joe Craft

Madonna House Tea Combines Food & Fashion

Spring was in the air to help make the 2009 Madonna House Tea and Fashion Show a special event! Women and children of all ages enjoyed this year's event at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on April 18th. There were chances for raffle prizes, a lemonade fountain for the children, entertainment by the Bishop Kelley Jazz Ensemble, and a fantastic fashion show! Women, men and children flaunted this season's hottest outfits from Dillard's and Lolly Garden to an audience of more than 430 people during brunch. Honorary chair for the Tea this year was Ronnie Donnelly, a long-time volunteer and supporter of Madonna House. The Helen B. Lauinger Award, presented on behalf of the Madonna House Auxiliary, was awarded to Susan Suliburk. With your help we raised over \$32,000! Thank you to Darcey Moran, Event Chair, and the committee for making this such a fun, fantastic event!

Event Chair, Darcey Moran, with her mother, Jeanne Osgood, (left) and mother-in-law, Joan Moran.



Caleb Reynolds struts his stuff on the runway!

We appreciate our volunteers - 1,250 served last year!

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

June:

Friday, June 26 Catholic Charities Night with the Tulsa Drillers
Drillers Stadium - 4802 E. 15th St.
Contact Janet McDaniel (ext.136)

August:

Saturday, Aug. 22 It's Time...Let's Adopt
Contact Christa VanTassell, LCSW (ext. 116)

September:

Wednesday, Sept. 9 Madonna House Auxiliary Membership Event
Contact Char Hille - 637-6293

Saturday, Sept. 19 Madonna House Auxiliary Autumn Harvest
Bishop Kelley High School - 3905 S. Hudson
Contact Janet McDaniel (ext.136)

Friday, Sept. 25 to
Sunday, Sept. 27 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
Contact Mary Lee Ingram (ext. 142)

Sunday, Sept. 27 Run for Life/Walk for Adoption
Contact Lindsay Hughes (ext. 108)

December:

Tuesday, Dec. 8 Blessing and Dedication
New Catholic Charities Campus
Harvard and Apache

For more information on these activities and more, visit
www.CatholicCharitiesTulsa.org or call 918.949.HOPE (4673)
and ask for the extension listed in parenthesis above.



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