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If you happened to see the Annual Appeal video last fall, it included an interview with the Austin Family, former residents of St. Elizabeth's Lodge. We have good news about them. They have been living independently for over a year, and they recently purchased a home. Both parents and their three children are thriving. They are grateful to everyone who supports Catholic Charities. Thankfully, there are many more happy stories like this one.

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal provides nearly half of the funding needed to bring Christ's merciful love to those who suffer in our midst. Carried out by Catholic people and others in fraternal goodwill, resources are used effectively to serve people in need—50,000 people last year. Those who come to us are served without regard to religious beliefs, race or color.

We began serving people at the new campus at 2450 North Harvard Ave. in late November. The way we deliver our services is becoming more integrated and more in-depth, resulting in increased benefit to Volunteers continue to help sustain and increase the quality and the breadth of our services to others.



*CARITAS · CHRISTI · URGET · NOS
· The charity of Christ compels us.
~ 2Cor 5:14*

Last year a record number of 1,275 volunteers helped carry out our mission, and based on the number of volunteers who are helping so far this year, that record will be shattered! We are especially grateful for the people who are serving on a regular schedule.

Want to help carry out our mission? Please make a donation using the envelope in this newsletter, or give online at www.CatholicCharitiesTulsa.org. Please become a volunteer by completing the application at CatholicCharitiesTulsa.org, or contact Mr. John O'Neill, 918.508.7124 or joneill@CatholicCharitiesTulsa.org. Thank you!

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College students plant donated trees at new campus



Twenty-five energetic and enthusiastic students from the University of Tulsa planted more than 70 of the 155 trees on the new Catholic Charities campus on March 6th. As a part of a larger community service project, over 500 TU students assisted a number of causes and organizations around the city of Tulsa.

Catholic Charities was blessed to have a group who literally "dug in" from the moment they arrived. Digging holes, prepping the soil, carrying trees, replacing sod and mulching the finished product were the actions for the day. Though no one had tree planting experience, they were quick learners and did an outstanding job for us. We thank them for making our campus more beautiful and welcoming to those we serve.



Up With Trees donated 155 trees for our new campus through a grant from the Apache Foundation

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Mother Teresa Dental Care Center off to a busy start

A new service offered by Catholic Charities is the Mother Teresa Dental Care Center, which is located in the Xavier Medical Clinic building at the new campus. Michael Spradlin, DDS, the volunteer Dental Director, worked for two years with a steering committee of other volunteer dentists to establish this program and acquire the furnishings and equipment.



The Mother Teresa Center provides dental services to people who do not have insurance or other access to dental care. The need for these services is evidenced by the approximately 200 calls received each week from prospective patients. At this time, patient appointments are booked 11-12 weeks ahead.

The medical clinic building that includes the dental center was paid for by donations to the Mission of Hope Capital Campaign. All of the furnishings and equipment for the dental center were gifts in kind or purchased with donations designated for the dental center.

Additional donations to fund the entire first year of operation were made by the George Kaiser Family Foundation and Delta Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation.

Michael Spradlin, DDS, Volunteer Dental Director, and a student assistant provide dental services at Mother Teresa Dental Care Center



Expands its reach with three new programs

Rural assistance program now serves McAlester

The Rural Assistance program of Catholic Charities supports the charitable work of the Catholic people and their parishes in some of the cities in Eastern Oklahoma. The newest location will serve McAlester and the surrounding areas. Deacon Bill Anderson is establishing the St. Jude Helping Center, which will open soon for two Saturdays each month until June, when the plans are for it to open three days per week. The largest rural assistance program is located in Sallisaw, where more than 9,000 people were served last year.

Assistance is also provided in Hugo, Muskogee, Poteau, Pryor, and Tahlequah through Catholic Charities and parish operation.



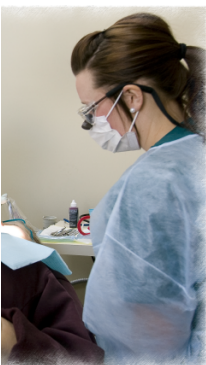
Deacon Bill Anderson stands with a statue of St. Jude in front of the new St. Jude Helping Center of McAlester.

New program brings opportunities for education

Catholic Charities is happy to report that the Saint Katharine Drexel Education Program is in full swing! This new program offers classes five days a week, including evenings and Saturday mornings. Some of the classes include: Intro to Computers, Excel/Word/PowerPoint, GED preparation, resumé writing, interviewing skills, conducting a job search, car seat workshops, Natural Family Planning, English as a Second Language, Smoking Awareness and numerous parenting classes. The Education Program has 18 instructors, most of whom are volunteers. Classes are open to the public. For more information, please contact Taina Wilson, Education Coordinator, at 918.508.7108 or twilson@catholiccharitiestulsa.org



St. Katharine Drexel



Visit us at the new campus!

2450 North Harvard Avenue
(Apache and North Harvard)

Join us for Mass at
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Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

May:

Saturday, May 1
 11:00 a.m.

Madonna House Tea and Fashion Show
 Renaissance Hotel

Wednesday, May 5
 6:00 p.m.

Mass for Birth Parents who chose adoption
 for their children, followed by reception
 St. Benedict Parish, 2200 W. Ithica St., Broken Arrow, OK
 Contact Christa Van Tassel, LCSW ~ 508.7132

Thursday, May 13
 6:00 p.m.

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June:

Saturday, June 12
 6:30 p.m.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
 Contact John O'Neill ~ 508.7125

September:

Saturday, Sept. 18
 TBA

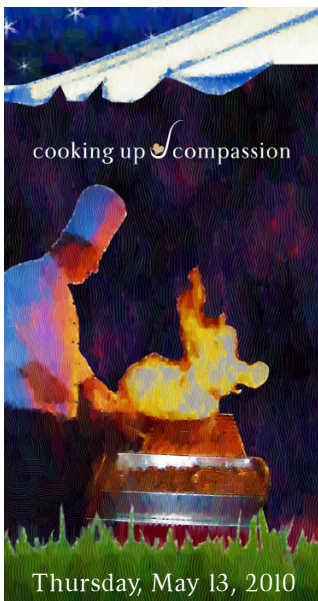
Madonna House Auxiliary Autumn Harvest
 Bishop Kelley High School - 3905 S. Hudson

Saturday, Sept. 18
 8:00 a.m.

Run for Life/Walk for Adoption
 River Parks ~ 41st Street Plaza

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!

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



Cooking Up Compassion changes things up

Cooking Up Compassion is spicier than ever with a new location and a new date!

To celebrate our 5th year and the opening of our new building, Cooking Up Compassion will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at our new campus (2450 North Harvard, Southwest corner of Apache and North Harvard). Over the past four years we have raised an estimated \$2 million dollars at this event!

Cooking Up Compassion creates awareness of the work of Catholic Charities and raises funds for our mission of serving those who suffer in our midst.

Linda and Daryl Woodard are the co-chairs of this event. Mr. Henry Zarrow has been named this year's Honorary Chair.

The evening will include delicious appetizers from local chefs, a fabulous dinner and as always, an exciting live auction. Another highlight this year will be personal tours of the new facility to see firsthand what Catholic Charities has to offer to those we serve. Patron opportunities are still available. For more information, please contact Lindsay Hughes, Development Coordinator, at 918.508.7115 or lhughes@catholiccharitiestulsa.org.