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REACHING OUT TO HELP

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Walk down the hall at Catholic Charities and you will likely hear one or more of our staff talking on the phone. We receive literally hundreds of calls each week. One recent morning our counselors and coordinators received these calls:

8:45 a.m. – Angela received a voicemail from a woman with four children whose electricity had been shut off the day before. She had no money to pay her bill to get the electricity back on. Angela contacted her to come into the agency that day.

9:02 a.m. – Annie had two voicemails from people wanting to donate clothing to our Suit Yourself program. She thanked these people and set up times to meet them at the Career Studio.

9:15 a.m. – A hospital social worker called Nelda to tell her that the pediatrician said the newborn being placed for adoption would not be discharged that day as expected because he was still being monitored due to an infection requiring antibiotics. Nelda contacted the adoptive family to inform them of this development.

10:45 a.m. – Debbie received a call from a man seeking marriage counseling to help them deal with the stress in their lives. He and his wife were both unemployed and the parents of a disabled child. Debbie scheduled an appointment for them for later that week.

11:05 a.m. – Angela received a call from a woman who missed two weeks of work due to surgery. Her husband lost his job two months ago and hers is the only income for their family of four. They could only pay half of their rent payment for the month. Angela arranged a time to meet with them.

11:25 a.m. – A college student called Annie to volunteer his time to the Lasting Change program. He agreed to attend a volunteer orientation session.

11:42 a.m. -- Debbie received a call from a mother whose teenage daughter is angry and acting out. Debbie scheduled an appointment with the daughter and Becky, another counselor in the agency, arranged to meet with the mother.

In addition to telephone contacts, we also communicate with clients and donors by e-mail, texting and of course in person. No matter how we encounter people, providing them the most helpful advice and assistance is always our main goal.

If you have a problem and you think we might be able to assist you or you'd like to donate your time, clothing or funds, don't hesitate to give us a call at (859) 253-1993 or e-mail us at catholiccharities@cdlex.org. We're here for you!

Suit Yourself Grand Opening

In today's increasingly competitive market, looking good and feeling confident are often key to landing a job. Unfortunately, many in the Lexington community do not have the resources to adequately prepare for that initial job interview. They are left discouraged and anxious about their future prospects. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lexington is addressing this need with the launch of "Suit Yourself."

On May 5, Catholic Charities opened the Suit Yourself Career Studio to job-seeking clients. Volunteer counselors will facilitate career assessments and mock interviews, and clients will be able to create a resume and apply for jobs. After successfully completing a job preparedness program, clients will have the opportunity to browse the suit store for a free outfit. Ultimately, Suit Yourself will be instrumental in providing individuals with the tools and confidence they need to successfully navigate the job market.

Suit Yourself is located at 772 Winchester Road, sharing space with the Catholic Action Center's Street Voices Council. The studio is open the first and second Wednesday of every month and the third and fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Please visit the studio during these times to make an appointment or a donation. Or, call Annie Ormsbee at Catholic Charities: 253-1993 ext. 223.

Check out our NEW WEBSITE!

www.catholiccharitieslexington.org

Learn all about us! Read our latest news, see what services we offer, find our locations, make a donation, contact us, donate online, sign up for our newsletter, buy your La Fete du Mai ticket, link to our Facebook page . . . the possibilities are endless!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Ten participants successfully completed the first Lasting Change program on April 8, 2010. Four graduates opened a savings or checking account for the very first time. The next series of workshops will begin at the Kenwick Community Center on May 10.

Board Member Farewell and Thank You

Our volunteer board of directors provides direction, guidance and support to Catholic Charities. These men and women give generously of their time and talents, monitoring the work of the agency at monthly board meetings, organizing an annual fundraiser, and serving as a bridge between the organization and local parishes. In June, three directors will end their terms of service. We'd like to publicly thank them for their contributions to our ministries.

John Maher of Pax Christi served as Board Treasurer for the past seven years. During that time he has devoted many hours to the agency by monitoring the agency's financial status and making monthly reports to the board, overseeing the Reverse Raffle and playing a key role in our many activities and fundraisers. He also served on the Program, Fund-raiser and Executive Committees. He was instrumental in so many ways, always willing to share his expertise and lend a hand.

Sandra Muenks attends Christ the King and Pax Christi. She served on the Board for six years, serving as Chair of the Program Committee. As a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Sandra brought a wealth of knowledge to help with Board education and decisions. She was always generous with her time, wisdom and energy to accomplish our agency's work.

Ann Gish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton also served six years on the Board. She was a member of the Development Committee and provided many important resources to the agency. Drawing upon her years of experience as a former schoolteacher at LCHS, she spoke about our agency to other groups. She also opened her home for one of our yard sale fundraisers and she offered much of her time and talents to help the agency.

Thank you, dear friends of Catholic Charities. We will miss you!

God Bless Our Wonderful Donors!

You may have seen on the news or read in Crossroads in April that we had to stop providing financial assistance to our clients because our Rent and Utility Assistance Fund was empty. We were humbled by the generosity of many people who sent in donations. Thanks to you we were able to re-open our assistance line after only a brief closure.

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Cheryl Watson
Deacon Arden and Betty Wolterman in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wolterman
Beth Wright and Craig Dance in memory of Louise Hall
Beau and Mathilda Young

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ticket online this
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James 1:22



Come to our 31st Annual "Friendraiser"!

This year La Fete du Mai will be hosted by Don and Mira Ball at Donamire Farm on Sunday, June 6 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you've ever driven by their farm at 4151 Old Frankfort Pike, you know how beautiful it is! Activities include a reverse raffle with a \$5,000 prize, a silent auction, delectable heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and music by "Young at Heart".

Tickets are now on sale for \$150 (which admits two people) and may be purchased by calling Cindy at 859-253-1993, ext. 213 or online at catholiccharitieslexington.org.

We hope to see you there!

