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Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

Some say the new millennium did not begin on January 1, 2000. Rather, it began on September 11, 2001. We entered a new era in the history of our nation and the world on that day.

In a few hours we witnessed in a dramatic way beyond imagination how evil and, at the same time, how heroic humans can be.



Our people responded to the needs of the victims of that day's terrorism, many through Catholic Charities, one of the most responsive and effective organizations to come to their aid.

Our Catholic Charities through its agencies serves thousands of victims every day, victims of poverty, disabilities, abandonment, abuse, loneliness, addictions - people who turn to us for

help. They are Christ to us. Jesus couldn't have made it any clearer. When we help them we help Jesus Christ.

I commend all who share in the ministry of love and all who support them.

With prayerful best wishes for the Lord's blessings upon you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Frank J. Rodimer

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There is a new day that will live in infamy, 9/11/01, the day America was attacked. I hope we never lose sight of the terrible loss felt by so many people. Catholic Charities has continued to provide the same breadth and depth of services to people in need based on need, not creed. Additionally we have galvanized support from Parishes, our own staff, our national office, and other community groups locally and nationally to respond and help address immediate and long-term needs resulting from 9/11.

Bishop Rodimer was among the first Bishops to appeal to the faithful in his Diocese to donate to Catholic Charities to assist locally and nationally in providing for the developing needs of those affected. The people of the Diocese of Paterson donated \$600,000 to the Catholic Charities relief fund. Already Catholic Charities has disbursed \$400,000 of that money to individuals effected in our Diocese, to Catholic Charities USA, to local Red Cross Chapters in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties, and to Catholic Charities Agencies in the Archdiocese of New York, and the Dioceses of Rockville Centre and Brooklyn. Besides our prayers and money, Catholic Charities in conjunction with many of our Parishes has offered counseling services, financial assistance, job-hunting assistance, educational services, etc. One day each week through February we sent staff to the Family Assistance Center at Liberty State Park. In January we submitted an application to CCUSA for a major grant that will enable us to provide training to our own staff and staff from other non-profit agencies including school staff, hospital staff, and non-profit groups on grief therapy, post-traumatic stress disorder, and general counseling to persons effected by the September 11 attacks. Much of what we do in the calendar year 2002 will be reported in the shadow of the events of September 11. But I ask that you remember the life-saving and important work that goes on in Catholic Charities every day, that went on prior to September 11, and continues to go on today, tomorrow, and the next day.

In Morris County, the Viento Del Espiritu (Wind of the Spirit) Immigrant Resource Center serves dozens of immigrants weekly helping them adjust to life here in the United States and assisting many in gaining status in the United States, offering job hunting, teaching English as a second language, etc. Supported by the Diocese of Paterson, Wind of the Spirit received funding from CLINIC to expand services.

The work of our Diocesan Catholic Charities Agencies on Welfare Reform in conjunction with our sister agencies in Metuchen, Trenton, Camden, and the Archdiocese of Newark gained the attention of our legislators through "Operation Meet Your Neighbor", a video and facilitator's guide that sought to put a face on poverty. As a follow-



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up to the video and guide, the Catholic Charities Agencies in the State, along with the N.J. Catholic Conference Social Issues Council, updated the facilitator's guide and will circulate it throughout the State during the first quarter of 2002. It provides information to Parishes and the public on the status of welfare reform as we approach renewal of the Welfare Reform Act in the fall of 2002.

While we are especially concerned about the welfare of persons living here in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties, we are also very much aware of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. The principle of Solidarity reminds us of our need to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters across the world. This past year while maintaining and expanding services in our Diocese, we were able to establish connections with a poor community in Iztapalapa, Mexico through the Father Judge Apostolic Center in Stirling, helping to coordinate and develop the "Somos Familia" project whereby persons here in our Diocese and in other Dioceses help to sponsor needy children in Iztapalapa enabling them to go to school. We established contacts with impoverished communities in Kenya and Mozambique in Africa, providing opportunities for those that wish to twin and/or assist those in need in poor communities there. Towards the end of the year, we reached out to Haiti to obtain information about impoverished communities there to share with interested persons and/or communities here in our Diocese.

More locally we continue to develop our relationship with our sister Agencies in the Dioceses of Metuchen, Camden, Trenton and the Archdiocese of Newark to organize our Statewide Catholic Charities conferences attended by almost 500 people each year. The conference provides us the opportunity to meet and greet each other from the 5 Dioceses and explore opportunities for continued cooperation and expansion of services.

Some highlights of program growth and expansion, and new programs offered this year are as follows:

- Caritas awards presented to Rev. Dennis Berry, Rev. Norman O'Connor, and Lawrence Kilian • Expanded Emergency Services Program, offering job development and case management services • Expanded support group services for women at Hope House • Introduced Hope Connection (emergency response system) at Hope House • Continue improvements and expansion of the La Vida I and II, Friendship Corner, El Mundo Del Nino, and World of Colors Day Care Centers • Reorganized General Counseling and Substance Abuse Counseling departments at Hope House into the expanded Behavioral Health Services Department • Completed refurbishing and remodeling of Partnership for Social Services office in Franklin as it celebrates its 25th anniversary • Opened Club de Padres/Parents Place as a service center for families of children with developmental disabilities
- Opened an Adult Day Care satellite center in Sussex County • In cooperation with the Paterson Housing Authority, relocated and expanded offices of our Family Counseling and Community Outreach Department serving families living in any of the Paterson Housing Authority sites • Expanded our Special Child Health Services program by opening the Northern Regional Early Intervention Team office serving children with developmental disabilities • Offered computer training to 100 persons as part of Father English Community Center welfare-to-work offerings • Expanded our rural immersion program sending 8 teens to Vermont for a 10-day volunteer experience • In cooperation with other day care providers in Paterson, founded the Early Childhood Coalition.

This has truly been an amazing year for Catholic Charities in our Diocese. With a shrinking economy and shrinking resources, we managed not only to maintain but expand our array of services in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties, and reach out to poor in other parts of the world without draining our own local resources, and respond quickly and significantly to the needs of persons in our Diocese following the terrorist attacks of September 11. We did this in an atmosphere in which it was expected that local giving for non-profits would decrease, and yet it appears we not only continued financial support at last year's level of giving, but we actually increased it. I truly believe this happened because of our faith. Increasingly the people in our Diocese, desirous of living up to their challenge as Catholic Christians, are looking to put their time and talent and money to where it does the most good. Recognizing the great need out there and the great services we provide, they continue to support us and they increased their level of support for us. People continue to support us financially, some directly and others through Parish assessments, Bishop's Appeal, and the Prepare the Way Campaign. Many still continue to support us through additional donations of goods, and of course, their time.

I thank the people of our Diocese for all that you do and for the many ways in which you support us. We are here for you. I invite you to call us if we can be of any assistance to you, and if you are aware of any person in need. I especially ask for your continued prayers. I ask you to please pray for all those persons who work or volunteer their time in any of our Catholic Charities Agencies, but most especially to pray for those persons whom with your help we are privileged to serve. I assure you that in turn, you continue to be in our prayers.

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Father Michael Burke, Director of Special Programs, seen here consulting with staff members of the Special Child Health Services / Early Intervention Program.

Throughout 2001 CFCS continued to operate all of its programs and services bringing to conclusion one program, the HOPE VI program. The HOPE VI program was funded by the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson enabling us to provide services to displaced persons that had lived in former public housing sites that had been demolished. The grant was time-limited and enabled us to provide services to over 300 clients that would enable them to be self-sufficient to live independently in Paterson and surrounding communities. The breadth and depth of services in all of our other programs and sites remained stable noting some small and in some cases significant increases in particular services as noted below under the "Summary of Services and those served follows:" section.

There were in addition, a number of significant accomplishments to be noted. September 11, 2001 was a challenge to all of our Catholic Charities programs and services, most notably at Catholic Family & Community Services, to our Emergency Services Department. Emergency

Services has already helped to distribute almost \$400,000 in aid to individuals and organizations, compiled resource directories, helped to circulate resource information to survivors and next of kin of persons who had worked at the World Trade Center as well as displaced workers. Case managers in our Emergency Services Department are assisting displaced workers in finding employment and administering September 11 funds from the United Way in Passaic County.

In Sussex County after trying for several years, we were successful in opening a satellite Adult Day Care Center in the Township of Sussex in the Sussex Christian Reformed Church. This small satellite Center will serve seven seniors in the local community.

We also completed renovations on our recently acquired Partnership for Social Services Family Center in Franklin and expect to dedicate it early in 2002.

Our Sancta Maria House of Mercy which is a residence in Paterson for women with AIDS expanded its scope of service to now serve women who would be considered medically fragile but not necessarily have AIDS. Additionally our Marian Aids Ministry established a working relationship with the Starlight Mental Health Program of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center to provide mental health support services for residents of the Sancta Maria House of Mercy who suffer from chemical dependency.

Our Mount St. Joseph Children's Center in Totowa concluded extensive building improvements during the year assisted by monies from the Prepare the Way Campaign. Mount St. Joseph also added a new component to its behavior modification program providing a "students for hire" program for students as an incentive allowing them after-school work opportunities to earn extra spending money.

The Friendship Corner Day Care Center received funding from the State of New Jersey's "Bright Beginning" program that will enable it to add two additional classrooms, a combined music and dance room, and renovate the kitchen to expand and improve services for the 300+ children served on a daily basis. A grant from the John Victor Machuga Foundation will enable us to place a brand new state-of-the-art computer in every single classroom early in 2002. Scholarship aid from the Ripp family will enable us to provide financial support to infants and toddlers that would otherwise have difficulty attending day care.

Our Special Child Health Services program (SCHS) received additional funding from the State to establish the "Northeast Regional Early Intervention Evaluation Team". Funding for this program began in July and enabled us to serve 777 children with disabilities throughout Passaic, Hudson and Bergen Counties.

Our Teen Counseling/Probation Supervision Program was relocated to a new site in one of the City of Paterson Housing Authority buildings providing additional office space in a building that has been designed as a one-stop shopping site for residents of the Housing Authority buildings, enabling them to access multiple community agency resources.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

And finally our Multi-lingual Center also moved to new quarters. After some significant renovations to the first floor of the former St. John's Convent at 26 DeGrasse Street, the Multi-lingual Center offices which had been located at 24 DeGrasse were moved there. The Center was then renamed The Parents Place/Club de Padres in an effort to centrally locate our varied services for parents of children and adults with disabilities. The Center provides bi-lingual parent information and counseling services, advocacy for student rights, training for adults who have graduated from the secondary school system and are not as yet employed. A summary of services and those served follows:

Aging Services: Senior residence 4,015 days of service for 13 clients; escort services for 433 persons totaling 9,921 trips; 147 adult day care clients received 8,901 days of service; 23,615 congregate meals provided to 494 persons; 34,793 meals on wheels delivered to 346 persons. 640 Passaic County clients received 4,528 units of service; 65 residents in Paterson senior housing units received 346 in-home services; 393 people received assisted transportation. Legal Services: 255 families were provided with direct legal representation. Legal consultations were given to a further 1,182 individuals. Emergency Services: 2,154 people received 13,153 meals; 367 persons received rental assistance; 2,239 people received assistance with their utility bills valued at \$290,379. Marian AIDS Ministry: 1,150 residential days of care provided to 6 people. St. Vincent Pallotti Center: 1,254 volunteer directories distributed; 73 public presentations; 240 part-time and 39 full-time replacements completed.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Adoption & Counseling Services: Counseling caseload of 68; 60 adoptions completed; 1,870 individuals assisted with adoption, counseling information and/or referral services. Continued Adoptive Parents Support Group and our support group for parents adopting internationally. 2,336 counseling sessions provided. Mount St. Joseph Children's Center: 12,259 days of care and schooling provided to 69 residential/day students. Friendship Corner:

545 children received 69,516 days of day care service; 178 children received 12,626 days of service in our after-school programs; 94 children received 3,387 days of service in our summer program; Multi-Lingual Center: 45 clients received 2,435 hours of vocational services; 2,412 families received parent training and individual advocacy; 71 families received 12,080 hours of out-of-home respite services; 673 families received case management services. Special Programs: HOPE VI program continued to provide a variety of self-sufficiency services to 340 persons who were displaced from the Christopher Columbus housing. Special Child Health Services/Early Intervention Program provided case management and other services to 2,767 families. Our SPAN Family Resource Specialist provided consultations at the state, county and local levels for 776 families. 22 applications for NJ KidCare/FamilyCare were filed. Teen Counseling/Probation Supervision provided services to 43 teenagers. 777 children with disabilities were served in our new Northeast Regional Early Intervention Program. 543 senior citizens received care management services through our bi-lingual outreach service in Paterson housing sites; 340 residents of Paterson Housing Authority sites received counseling and support services.

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

Italian Catholic Center: Served a total caseload of 1,125 including 159 new clients. Migration & Refugee Department: 212 new refugees were resettled;



Board member, Dr. John Mazzaferrre and staff members, Zoe Diaz and Stacie Carlson stock the food pantry.



An after-school aide helps children with homework.

191 refugee cases from 2000 continue to receive service. Services to these clients include housing, school enrollment, transportation, health care, job development, job placement, ESL, citizenship, driver's license, furniture and clothing. Additionally 795 walk-in clients received help with various needs including green cards, asylum, citizenship and family reunification. Citizenship Services: Assisted 209 persons with citizenship applications.

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The spirit of Father Francis English, who was a pastor of St. Boniface Parish until his death in 1974, lives on at the Father English Multi-Purpose Community Center. Father English dreamed of a complex of buildings that would be a center for youth and families living in Paterson. For over a quarter of a century, that dream continues to be lived out each and every day by the people of the community who use one or more of the Center's programs as a resource and for those who are on the staff of the agency. As an agency committed to serving the marginalized in our society, the Father English Multi-Purpose Community Center continues to provide quality, compassionate care always striving to "make a difference" in the lives of the people we serve and to honor the dream of our beloved namesake.

A CHILD'S WORLD/EL MUNDO DEL NINO DAY CARE: Begun in 1974, A Child's World/El Mundo Del Nino Day Care continues to meet the changing needs of the working poor. Through an ongoing collaboration with the Paterson Board of Education, this program serves as a qualified ABBOTT site. This affiliation has resulted in an increase of revenue that has allowed for improved services to 75 children and their families for 245 service days.

A WORLD OF COLORS/EL MUNDO DE COLORES DAY CARE: Established in 1992, A World of Colors/El Mundo De Colores Day Care provides comprehensive child care services to the community of Passaic County. As a qualifying ABBOTT site, in conjunction with the Paterson Board of Education, this program provided enhanced services to 90 children and their families for 245 service days.



A Child's World Day Care activity

A CHILD'S TIME/EL TIEMPO DEL NINO: Begun in 1986, A Child's Time/El Tiempo Del Nino provides an all day kindergarten for 42 children. The children enrolled in the program come from primarily low-income families throughout Paterson and other Passaic County communities.

AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMP CHILD CARE PROGRAM: Since this program's inception in 1974, the After School and Summer Camp Child Care Program has reached out to "children at risk" also known as "latch-key" children. This program combined to provide continuous service to approximately 160 children, ages 6 to 11 years old for 245 days.

T.A.P./TEENAGE AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CHILD CARE PROGRAM: This quality after-school program was conceived as a safe, supervised environment where teens are trained to act as peer counselors with a goal toward becoming productive citizens. Over the course of the past year, 43 teenagers have participated in this program. In the summer of this year, 8 teens traveled to Vermont for a 10 day service work/vacation experience.

CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM: Instituted in 1975, the on-site Child Care Food Program continues to provide nutritious meals to our pre-school and school age programs. This year over 300 children received 147,225 meals.

PROJECT YOUTH HAVEN GROUP HOME AND RUNAWAY SHELTER/ST. JUDE RESIDENCE: Begun in 1974, this residential program for runaway, homeless and abused youths provides 24-hour care and counseling for up to 15 youths. Since its inception, Project Youth Haven has served over 6,000 youngsters in crisis.

PASSAIC TEEN CENTER EMERGENCY SHELTER AND GROUP HOME: Begun in 2000, the Passaic Teen Center provides residence for runaway, homeless and abused young men ages 11-17. The goal of this 24 hour program is to reunite youth and families through counseling and service linkages.

SENIOR AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: Established in 1988, this program provides an invaluable service to the seniors and disabled persons in Passaic County. This year a fleet of 12 vehicles transported 1,713 clients for a total of 410,320 trips to doctor appointments, hospital visits, nutrition and recreation sites and food shopping.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY: Begun in 1988, these pantries provide food, clothing, furniture and household items to persons in need. Our emergency services programs processed a record 15,742 clients this year. Over 198,000 items of food were distributed while 982 clients were assisted by our clothing "Boutique".



After School Program



Teens visit Vermont for a service and vacation experience.

CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Working in conjunction with our pantries, this program also began in 1988 provides an avenue for clients seeking employment and additional services including referrals to detox programs, immigration concerns and a host of other crisis-centered needs. A total of 865 adults have been served through this program during the past year.

WORK ASSISTANCE/COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAM: Our Work Assistance and Computer Training Program continue to provide beginners and advanced computer training courses for persons seeking these skills for employment opportunities. This year, 100 students completed our Computer Training Courses.

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Sharing a humorous moment

At the heart of the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) is the philosophy that all individuals are gifts from God. The DPD maintains the highest possible standards to provide the maximum quality of life possible for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

The DPD is very proud of its facilities and continually upgrades them on a regular basis. During the 2001 calendar year, Alexander House (Oak Ridge) received new siding and all windows were replaced. Finnegan House (Oak Ridge) had new siding added, all windows replaced, access ramps and railings installed and the kitchen was fully remodeled. A new addition at Wallace House (Sparta) consisting of two new full bathrooms, two new bedrooms, an access ramp and a standby generator was brought to fruition.

Comprehensive individualized service (IHP's) plans with measurable goals and objectives is the standard for every person served by the DPD. These individual plans ensure that the DPD produces appropriate outcomes to the individual consumers while at the same time maintaining its accountability with the consumers, their families, the Diocese and governmental agencies. All records, reports and other appropriate data are maintained on a central computerized system that

was fully upgraded this year. The data collected comprises our Continuous Quality Improvement System and enhances our ability to keep accurately abreast of all individual goals and objectives.

The Department for Persons with Disabilities has implemented an environment that excels in enabling spiritual and emotional growth that allows the preferences of each person to be respected while sharing their gifts and talents with others. Utilizing Catholic Social Teaching and the values of our Church as our foundation, we incorporate the highest quality of services in the field of developmental disabilities.

Our residential programs include nine group homes and two supervised apartment programs that provide many opportunities for fully integrated community living. With the twenty-four hour caring, guidance and supervision of the professional staff, each individual participates in all aspects of home life including the preparation of meals, personal responsibilities and recreation. An outreach program is offered to people who are institutionalized, which also provides guidance and support for their families.

The DPD is recognized as a model agency in the State of New Jersey and has been fully accredited by the Council of Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc since 1986.



New friends.

Staff Training Programs

- Our staff-training program offers a wide variety of training programs for para-professionals who work in over 68 agencies in and around Passaic County.
- With training sites in Oak Ridge and Wyckoff, 1,348 staff was successfully trained in areas of Preventing Abuse and Neglect, Medication Administration, Standard First Aid and Adult CPR.



Working on a project at the Gruenert Center

Volunteer Programs

- Our volunteer program, "People Need Friends" saw 98 volunteers spending over 2,000 hours.
- C.A.R.E (Catholic Adult Religious Education) is a valued service providing religious education for 40 people with developmental disabilities.

Bible Study Courses

Residential Group Homes & Supervised Apartments

<i>Alexander House</i>	2,869 days of care for 8 residents	<i>Murray House</i>	2,061 days of care for 6 residents
<i>Calabrese House</i>	535 days of care for 5 residents	<i>Wayne Marathon House</i>	3,196 days of care for 9 residents
<i>Columbus House</i>	1,810 days of care for 5 residents	<i>Wehrlen House</i>	2,118 days of care for 6 residents
<i>Finnegan House</i>	3,447 days of care for 10 residents	<i>Wallace House</i>	1,388 days of care for 4 residents
<i>Fitzpatrick House</i>	1,775 days of care for 5 residents	<i>Kelleher Apartments</i>	2,884 days of care for 9 residents
<i>Basile Apartments</i>	2,078 days of care for 6 residents		
Independent Living Program	365 days of care for 1 individual		
Vocational Center (Lake Hopatcong)	9,758 days of work for 49 people		

Hope House

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Established in 1971, Hope House, a not-for-profit, multi service agency, is one of the six Catholic Charities Agencies in the Diocese of Paterson. Located in Dover, New Jersey, it serves individuals residing primarily in Morris and Sussex counties providing professionally based social services, especially for those who are oppressed, powerless or otherwise disenfranchised.

Hope House provides fair and just treatment for all individuals. Our services are delivered without regard to race, gender, personal belief or circumstances and are welcomed by the communities we serve. Our style is warm and welcoming, reflecting personal attention and sensitivity.

Our programs have evolved to meet established community need. Annually, more than four thousand people are assisted by our various direct services and outreach programs.

The AIDS Center: Comprehensive services vary from case management, housing assistance, buddy/companionship and support services, transportation, emergency food pantry, and development of integrated service delivery plans by our bilingual staff. Centralized AIDS specific services served 301 unduplicated clients and their families in 2001.

Behavioral Health Services is the name for the two departments that were previously called General Counseling and Substance Abuse. BHS offers the following services: comprehensive adult

family and adolescent therapeutic services, grief support group, women's anger management group, prevention programs, substance abuse evaluations, IDRC/EDG programs, a group at Morris County Correctional Facility (MCCF), parenting education classes, play therapy, therapeutic nursery (ages newborn – 4 years old), BABES. Therapy is offered by licensed therapists in both English and Spanish. Psychiatric consultation is available as needed, by appointment. We also offer on-site Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings in both English and Spanish.

Several new programs were initiated this year: a weekly group for women with substance abuse problems at MCCF; a women's anger management group; FUN – which incorporates BABES, Interactive Playroom, Parenting and SELF in a 4-cycle, 10-session program. BHS provided services to approximately 1,000 clients in 2001.

Fix-It Program: Where health and safety are a concern, low income homeowners of Morris County are assisted with minor home repairs. Home safety checks are routinely performed to identify potential hazards. This year, 862 individuals received assistance.

Home Sharing Program: Home Sharing is a creative alternative facilitating matches between compatible home providers and home seekers assisting many unable to sustain the financial burden of living alone. In 2001, 55 individuals were successfully matched.

The Hope Connection: Newly established this year, the Hope Connection started in August and provides frail elderly clients who live alone with an ongoing, 24-hour, at home personal emergency response system. This critical service allows those at-risk to remain safely in their own homes. Thirty low-income seniors were provided the service free of charge and 21 seniors at a discounted fee of \$25.

Chore Program: With the emphasis on preventing premature institutionalization, low income seniors and persons with disabilities under a doctor's care are assisted with light housekeeping, laundry and shopping. More than 10,872 service hours were furnished to 287 individuals this year.



Volunteers helping a Fix-It client.



Family activity time during "FUN"



A satisfied Hope House client

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Straight & Narrow, Inc. incorporated in 1954 treats individuals who are alcohol and drug addicted. The Agency has created an infrastructure that collectively provides for the needs not only of the addicted individual, but also of the entire family. Apart from residential and outpatient treatment programs for adult males and females as well as juveniles, the agency also operates two pre-school centers, a collaborative project called FACES (Family

& Children Early Education Services) providing immunization, growth monitoring, parent education, mental health services to children and their families, and a job placement program for some of the hardest-to-serve welfare recipients. The agency serves more than 1,200 clients a day with a staff of more than 350. Clients include those who have HIV/AIDS, women with substance abuse problems, who are pregnant, or who have young children who come to live with them while in treatment, juvenile delinquents who are as young as 10 years old, parolees in a day reporting program, MAP (Mutual Agreement Program) clients, DCI (Drug Court Initiative) clients, and those who are remanded by the courts, jails and prisons. Other services include a detoxification hospital, two methadone maintenance clinics, five halfway houses, an outpatient substance abuse treatment program, a juvenile/adolescent program, a medical day care center for those who have AIDS, a day reporting center for parolees, housing for people with AIDS, & several community collaboratives.

One of the year's highlights is the number of hard-to-serve welfare recipients who are now gainfully employed. Bridges-to-Success, a collaborative project with other social service agencies in Passaic County, placed and maintained in jobs 365 welfare clients

who have mental health, substance abuse, learning deficiencies and medical problems. Over 900 clients received a thorough psychological assessment, assistance with child care, work readiness skills sessions, got their driver's licenses reinstated, free driving lessons, free cars which were donated and refurbished (29 good cars were awarded in 2001), bus passes to work and to interviews and \$50 worth of goods for every month that they stayed in their jobs.

Our Alpha I and III (female) programs, our Juvenile Unit and our Dismas and Guild (male) programs received much needed repair and renovation including new ceiling tiles, fresh coat of paint, new carpets, new refrigerators and stoves, new curtains and linens, among other things, thus, improving the quality of the lives of our clients and making for a more comfortable living situation.

Update on Current Programs: 12,692 individuals and group sessions were provided to our adult male and female residents. | 175,134 varied services to residents in five halfway houses: individual and group counseling, NA/AA didactic sessions, job search, job coaching and mentoring. | 78,089 outpatient individual therapy sessions. | 618,459 meals delivered for senior citizens in 20 communities. | At our Mt. Carmel Hospital, 9,659 treatment sessions to detox patients and 26,322 nursing and medical care treatment visits with our residents and their children. | Our Recycling Program made 13,256 trips to five communities. | At our Medical Day Care Center, 8,773 outpatient services were provided to adults with AIDS; Our Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center provided 68,766 hours of prevention education to 3,126 offenders. | 105,196 client visits to our two Methadone clinics. | 16,561 pastoral counseling sessions to our adult residents. | For 268 adolescent residents, 43,321 hours of classroom education; 21,762 individual and group therapy sessions; 21,656 psychiatric and psychological evaluations; 10,828 NA/AA sessions; 4,331 multi-family therapy sessions; 12,865 hours of recreation and physical activity; 2,165 after-care sessions and 2,165 hours of pastoral care. | For our DYFS/Work First Program: 27,053 hours of child care; 3,737 hours of clinical therapies; 2,467 hours of recovery education: parenting skills, life skills, health and nutrition; 3,677 hours of vocational education and 24,766 meals served; FACES immunized some 350 children in the school district among other services; for Bridges-to-Success, 365 out of 974 of the hardest-to-serve Welfare clients in the County, were employed and retained in jobs.



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Catholic Social Teaching and Tradition calls parishes to convene, serve, advocate, empower, and love our neighbors in need. This ministry encapsulates a broad range of helpful services and advocacy efforts. The parishes of the Diocese of Paterson have provided caring, direct services to thousands of individuals in need of help. Some of these parishes have also become very active in advocating for the rights of others, and upholding the dignities of those persons threatened in our Diocese and around the world.



Children from St. Agnes Church in Paterson working together on a group project.

Environmental Pollution and its effects on our children, such as increased lead levels and the huge rise in asthma and related breathing diseases.

Parishioners from our Diocese participated with other parishioners from around the state in the annual Inter-Diocesan Social Justice Conference entitled "Repairers of the Breach". This conference dealt with many discrimination issues such as: ageism, fear of immigrants, sexism, homophobia, racism, and economic injustice against the poor. Advocacy leaders from the major parish legislative networks: Social Concerns, Respect Life, and Education Issues, came together to share their respective legislative concerns and make efforts towards a joint "legislative advocacy day". This mutual gathering of Catholic Advocacy Groups and state legislators from Morris, Passaic, and Sussex counties will be a united effort to educate our legislators on the breadth of legislative concerns by the Catholic Church in our area.

The element of "solidarity" is strong in Papal and U.S. Bishop's teachings. In witness to this goal, many "partnerships" exist between inner city and suburban parishes. Parishes help one another in their ministry efforts to serve the "least among us". To answer the call of "Global Solidarity", helping relationships have been established between parishes at home and needy parishes outside the United States. Parish groups from the Diocese have traveled to countries such as Haiti in order to more fully understand and help alleviate the poverty there.

There are "two feet" in the social justice tradition of the Catholic Church: (1) direct service and (2) advocacy. A well-grounded parish social justice ministry walks more upright and can take off running if it has both feet of the Gospel call to love of neighbor on the "ground". One such parish is St. Agnes, located in downtown Paterson. St. Agnes is funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to run an adult leadership project which benefits members of their community. The project is involved in building self-esteem, leadership, parenting skills and advocacy efforts to better the community. One of the highlights of the project this year was a series of workshops on parenting skills.

Due to the tragedies related to September 11, 2001, the parishes of our Diocese have been actively involved in helping to address the tremendous human and social suffering. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were collected through the parishes to help the victims and their families. Counseling services were provided by parishes to address the resulting psychological trauma from the attacks and loss of life. A parish disaster manual was developed by our offices to help parishes find resources and become better educated concerning how to help in a disaster situation. Parishes were contacted by the PSM office to see if there were victim's families in the parish, and to find out what their needs were. As the new year begins there will surely be a continued effort to help minister to those affected by this tragedy.

The PSM agency exists as a support and liaison for social ministry efforts in the parishes. As director, I visit parishes, attend deanery meetings, and speak with pastoral staffs and interested parishioners concerning social ministry efforts in the local parish. If I can assist your parish in establishing a Parish Social Ministry committee or help an existing PSM committee further develop and/or connect to one of our Diocesan Catholic Charities agencies please call me any time.

Hispanic Information Center

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The Hispanic Information Center develops and implements human service projects to help the Latino community residents of Passaic to maintain a level of decency in their lives. The Center has a team of fully Bi-Lingual/Bi-Cultural skills to meet the social needs of a population of nearly 70% of Hispanic origin. If not for the agency, these populations would have no other place to resolve their information, employment, housing, food and clothing, stress, health and related areas leading to substance addictions, spouse and child abuse situations. The Center was founded in 1972 to identify, study and articulate the human service needs of the Hispanic community in the City of Passaic. As of July 1, 2001, The Hispanic Information Center of Passaic became the newest agency of the Catholic Charities family in the Diocese of Paterson.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: This component strives to inform and assist low-moderate income clients with a variety of resources, which will help them to develop and maintain economic self-sufficiency such as job placement and referrals, apartment search and emergency assistance to persons facing eviction or utility shut-offs. Its open door policy allows people to visit and bring to the Center situations beyond their control for which agency staff advocate on their behalf. Number of Community Service clients served this year total: 4,039. Thanks to the generosity of parish congregations throughout the Diocese every year, our agency is able to provide many of our children with school bags, supplies, Easter Baskets received from St. Catherine of Sienna, Mt. Lakes, NJ and Christmas toys from Our Lady of The Lakes, Mt. Arlington, NJ. The Catholic women from St. Mary's Church in Passaic contributed \$630 in food gift certificates for families with lack of food.



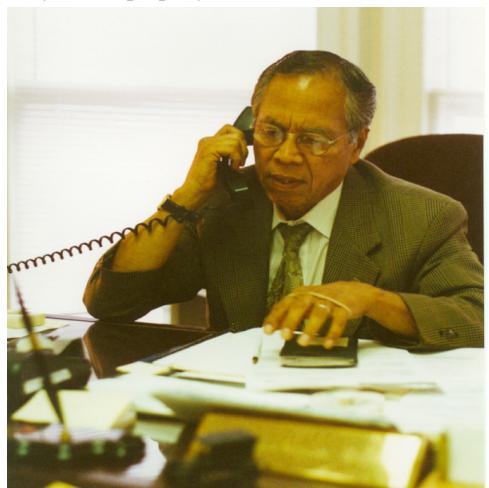
Youth program members take time out from school and tutoring classes.

HOMEBOUND PROGRAM: Our Home bound Program has been in operation for the past 15 years. One of our main goals is to assist our clients in maintaining their stability and to avoid institutionalization. Our clients range between the ages of 55 to 75 years. Many are confined to their homes and/or live alone. Another part of our program goal is to walk with them in all their social service needs with on-going advocacy on behalf of their personal, medical and housing situations, including transportation and generic services. The majority of our seniors live on a fixed income. At times our agency intercedes with food, clothing, funeral and burial services. The program has approximately 200 to 250 registered clients. Despite our heavy schedule, our staff strives to organize at least one or two social events throughout the year.

YOUTH PROGRAM: In 1975 the agency established a youth counseling program to assist our local youth with misconduct and educational difficulties in school and social adjustment in the street. The program's tutorial services assist children with their schoolwork, educational workshops that deliver productive sessions on compassion, loyalty, responsibility and anger management.

management. These activities help the children better understand themselves, understand and control their emotions in relation to family, peers and the community in general. Program staff interact with school counselors, teachers and social workers on behalf of the Youth members. Recreational activities help the children use their energy in a positive way. Over 60 children were served in the areas of Prevention (Behavior Modification), Reduced Dropout Prevention, (Tutoring), and Direct Service Parent Training Session (Family Intervention). A total of 1,830 service hours were dedicated to the children of this program.

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM: In 1985, The Hispanic Information Center was entrusted with the mission of structuring guidelines, recruiting and training private families to offer their homes as a haven for adolescents with a history of family neglect, or inability to care properly for their children. As a result the Hispanic Information Center in collaboration with the New Jersey Division of Youth & Family Services (DYFS) Northern Regional Office, created a Host Family Program which is now known as the Foster Care Unit. The program currently consists of 10 foster care homes serving an average of 26 children per month. One of the goals of the program is to offer them an alternative home until staff case workers are able to reunite the children with their families, or find adoptive homes. This year our program was instrumental in reuniting seven (7) children with their biological families. Some of our children have grown up and hold work positions in school and local community programs.



Another busy day for the Executive Director, Lorenzo T. Hernandez

ALCOHOL PROGRAM: This program was established to serve the needs of individuals suffering from the consequences of alcoholism. The program provides a sixteen weeks treatment service. The program helps to reunite and stabilize families and secures permanent job placement. It is the only Hispanic alcohol program in Passaic County that takes into consideration the cultural uniqueness of the Hispanic client. A total of 67 persons were served with group sessions in Spanish and English and one-to-one counseling meetings.

COLLABORATIVE BASED PROGRAMS

BREAST, CERVICAL & PROSTATE CANCER PREVENTION: We continue our affiliation with St. Joseph's Hospital. A cancer screening project for male and female persons was established. Funds are used to employ an outreach case worker to inform and help people who are eligible for this program (i.e., no medical insurance between the ages of 40+ for women; 50+ for men). The goal of this program is to refer willing clients for testing to St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson. Thanks to this collaborative effort throughout the county, a total of 1,431 women and 146 men were screened for cancer in 2001.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING: The Center continues its affiliation with the Passaic County Women's Center. This year an extra day was added to the counselor's schedule. Persons with domestic violence situations can call or visit the counselor on Monday and Tuesday from 9-5 and Thursday from 9-1. Referrals may be made by calling 973-779-7022.

PRESCHOOL PROJECT: With the Abbott vs. Burke as an on-going State issue, the agency is on its second year of funding under a sub-grant from the Hispanic Director's Association of New Jersey. The Outreach Pre-school Worker goes throughout the community informing families of their rights to register their three and four year old children for the pre-school program as required by the Abbott Law. The worker has been recruiting these children by visiting the local churches, Headstart and WIC offices, local health clinics and businesses. Through the efforts of this program, over 500 children have been successfully registered to date. The agency is currently working and negotiating the possibility of the construction of new Pre-School for a potential of eight classes.

QUALITY Of LIFE PROGRAM: Hispanic Information Center continues its collaborative work as part of a consortium of five local Passaic community based organizations forming a partnership under the home name of Quality of Life Program. This is a state wide project better known as the 21st. Century Community Learning Center Program. It consists of a giant after school component within five local Passaic Schools. The project serves to encourage young students with constructive after school activities as an alternative to the streets. It offers tutoring, homework assistance, exercise classes, evening computer classes for adults and a variety of recreation activities. The Center sub-contracts with the Passaic Board of Education for an outreach worker to assist the families and students in receiving these services.



Between 40 and 50 clients visit the Center on a daily basis.

Congregational Health Ministry Program

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The Church recognizes that the causes of disease are social, economic and spiritual as well as biomedical. Often, health is an issue of justice, peace, integrity and spirituality. It is with this understanding that Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson has entered into a new partnership with the hospitals of St. Clare's, Dover, St Joseph's Regional Medical Center and St. Mary's, Passaic to carry out the work of healing in the community through the services of our new Congregational Health Ministry Program. The Diocese is committed to community-based health care by supporting this model of health care delivery, a parish based health ministry program. The term health ministry is used to include everyone who is called to work

for the promotion of health and wellness; this includes a parish nurse and all others. A health ministry is rooted in a faith community and extends God's healing and compassion to those in need. The Church is a place where the people can be nurtured, can learn about health and can be supported in the healing process. The parish community is called to give support to one another, to reach out to parishioners who are home bound, sick, dying or bereaved. We are called to be disciples of Jesus by providing care for the sick and by working to restore health and wholeness in the individual and in the community. Congregational Health Ministry programs enable members of a faith community to share in the healing ministry of the Church.

Health means wholeness, not only physical and emotional but also spiritual and social. Research has shown that the immune system is influenced by our relationships, attitudes, feelings and beliefs. Our sense of belonging, of being loved and of a personal relationship with God contributes to our wellness. Even when a cure is not possible, healing may occur through a health ministry, people of faith carrying out the work of healing. Congregational Health programs emphasize disease prevention and a personal responsibility for health as well as

St. Mary's Hospital staff nurse and Diane Silbernagel, Liaison discuss Parish nursing.

harmony in our relationships, in the physical, mental and spiritual domains of our lives. Congregants are encouraged to be active partners in improving their health and changing unhealthy lifestyle behaviors. Working together with existing ministries and other community resources, a health ministry can effectively create a healthier community by identifying the needs of its faith-based community and developing professional and non-professional

volunteer resources to meet those needs. The role of the health ministry in a faith community involves identifying those who are unable to access care and need advocacy assistance, increasing access to health information and health screenings and developing volunteer resources that provide supportive services to parishioners. Some examples of services are visits or phone contacts with home bound or institutionalized parishioners and transportation/shopping assistance.

With changing family structures, increasing complexity of health care and decreasing services, a health ministry can help to fill "the gaps" and bridge care from institutions to the community. The health ministry brings to the faith community health education programs, preventative health and health promotion activities such as screenings. A health ministry may organize in a parish various types of support groups, health fairs, or healing liturgical services.

A parish nurse is a key component of the health ministry program. The nurse works closely with the pastor, the church leadership and the health ministry members. Nurses acting as a parish nurse would provide educational programs, screenings, referrals and volunteer training. The nurse would facilitate a survey of parishioners health needs and lead a response plan for the health ministry to implement. For all members of a faith community, the parish nurse is able to provide counseling, resource referral and support. Parish nurses are not direct care providers, but rather coordinators of health care services. The parish nurse does not give "hands on" nursing care, administer medications or other skilled nursing procedures. The parish nurse does not replace the services of a visiting nurse or home health aide.

Catholic Charities new Congregational Health Ministry program exists as a support and a liaison to the members of the faith community interested in implementing a parish based health ministry. My role as the Liaison is to meet with pastors, speak with the pastoral staff or interested parishioners and assist with the formation of a health ministry program or offer support to existing health ministry programs.

Congregational Health Ministry Liaison, Diane Silbernagel working with Health Ministry volunteers, Laura Tufano and Patty Grimm



This assistance may be in the forms of program development, coaching/mentoring of health ministry leaders, volunteer training, resource materials, networking with the hospitals, other parish nurses and community resources.

Parish based health ministry programs are individualized to meet the needs, the demographics and to integrate with the existing ministries already in place. Each ministry will be unique and governed at the parish level. The health ministry program will evolve as a dynamic process responding to the changing needs of the individual parish. As liaison I work with the parish team to bring health information and resources to the congregation.

Health ministry programs are based on the founding concepts of Christian communities; every person must be treated with dignity and respect, individual health is a concern of the entire community and faith is an essential element in the stewardship of health. We are called as disciples to live in the caring spirit of Jesus and reach out, especially to the marginalized. If I can assist your parish in establishing a health ministry or support an existing ministry, please call me.



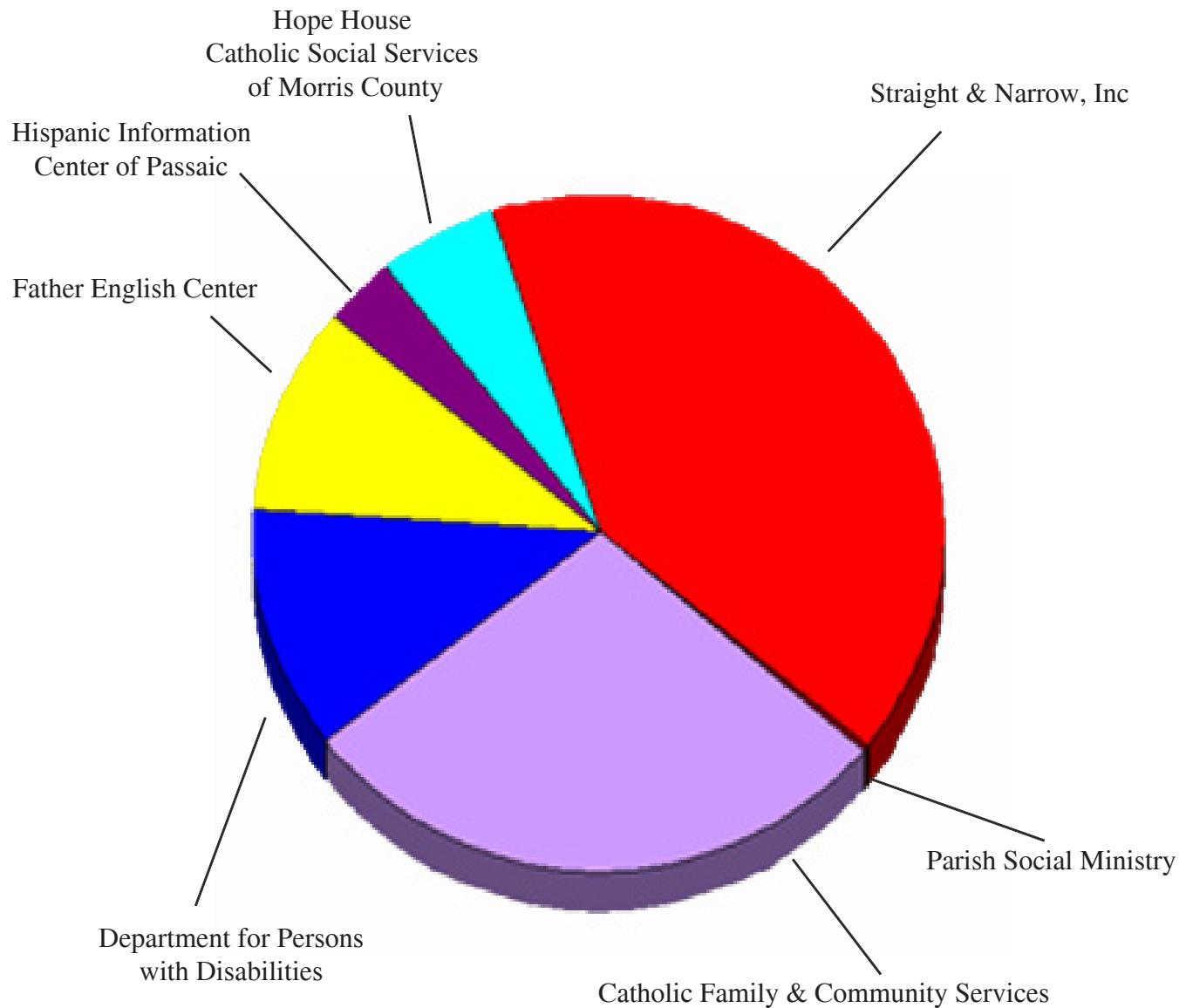
Our Lady of the Valley Health Ministry organized a very successful health fair at the church.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson



"... providing help - creating hope... "

SECRETARIAT FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE OF PATERSON
AGENCY BUDGETS - 2001



Catholic Family & Community Services	\$11,165,942
Department for Persons with Disabilities	\$4,910,680
Father English Center	\$4,711,784
Hispanic Information Center of Passaic	\$1,224,240
Hope House	\$2,249,463
Straight & Narrow, Inc.	\$16,405,635
Parish Social Ministry	\$131,250

\$40,798,994

Note these dates and events . . .

May 6, 2002

Anger Management Group for Women

Hope House, 19-21 Belmont Ave., Dover, NJ 07802-0851 For information call Colleen Golden at 973-361-5555, Ext. 124 Group will meet on Mondays beginning in May for 10 weeks.



May 13, 2002

HIV/AIDS Information Exchange

Hope House, 19-21 Belmont Ave., Dover, NJ

For information call Fran Placek at 973-361-5555, Ext. 139 Delegation from Kenya for HIV/AIDS Information Exchange.

May 15, 2002

Sr. Thomasina Open Golf Tournament

Rolling Greens Golf Club, 214 Newton-Sparta Rd., Newton, NJ - \$100 per ticket.

For information call Bonnie - Partnership for Social Services at 973-827-4702

Please make check payable to: Partnership for Social Services 48 Wyker Road, Franklin, NJ 07416

May 16, 2002

Second Annual Hope Classic

Fiddler's Elbow Country Club, Bedminster Township, NJ - \$375 per ticket

For information call Lisa Kelly at 973-361-5555, Ext. 127

July 8, 2002

Casey Classic Golf Tournament (www.caseyclassic.com)

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM DPD

Springbrook Country Club, Morristown, NJ

12:00 Noon - shotgun start

For information call Tom Barrett at 973-697-4394

Email:tom.barrett@dpd.org Tickets: \$1,000.00

October 12, 2002

Abilities Tour (www.dpd.org)

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM DPD -

For information call Tom Barrett at 973-697-4394

Email:tom.barrett@dpd.org Tickets: \$25.00

October 19, 2002

The Caritas 2002 Gala Award Dinner and Dance

6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

The Grand Ballroom at the Hanover Marriott

For information call Father Edward Lambro at 973-523-4456

Corporate Sponsorship of Patron Tables @ \$2500

including 10 seats for dinner is available, as well as other sponsorship opportunities. Call for details.

Email:prdev@catholicharities.org Tickets: \$150.00



Special Report

SEPTEMBER 11TH DISASTER RESPONSE

In the aftermath of September 11, Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson was quick to respond to the effected residents in Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties. To date, Catholic Charities has served 74 families of the deceased, 6 survivors, and 35 displaced workers. Over 100 children living in the Diocese lost parents on September 11.

Many Parishes, schools and individuals, and some businesses donated to our Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund. \$600,000 was received for the fund. To date slightly over \$400,000 of that fund has been used, mostly for the next of kin, survivors and displaced workers mentioned in the opening paragraph. Additionally, monies were distributed to Catholic Charities USA, the three Catholic Charities Agencies nearest ground zero and the Morris, Sussex, and Passaic County chapters of the Red Cross.

In addition to using money from the donations of people in our Diocese, one of our Agencies, Catholic Family and Community Services is the designated lead Agency in Passaic County to disburse United Way September 11 Fund monies. Thus far we have distributed \$133,650 in United Way monies on top of the \$400,000 we distributed from the Diocese.

After the initial attack, Catholic Charities conducted a detailed search to identify the affected population. We searched the internet, read newspapers, and contacted every parish in the Diocese, as well as called government and community agencies to identify affected persons. From the list compiled a check for \$1000 was sent immediately to all identified families, no questions asked. With the check was included our offer to provide immediate further financial assistance, job assistance and counseling, with contact information on how to reach us. Since then many people have received cash assistance from us on multiple occasions.

We continue to reach out to the affected population and have increased our aid. We realize that in these trying times, it is extremely important to assist the families as efficiently and painlessly as possible. We have been very flexible in terms of guidelines. Generally the same day we receive a request for money, either from the families or our case managers, a check is mailed. These checks have covered a variety of expenses. Items Catholic Charities have paid include:

- 1) Mortgage / rent
- 2) Loans
- 3) Tuition (college, high school, and elementary)
- 4) Insurance (homeowners, auto, and health)
- 5) Utilities (water, gas, electric, phone, cable, etc.)
- 6) Car payments
- 7) Home repairs (plumbing, garage door, etc.)
- 8) Child care
- 9) Food and clothing

Concurrently and continuing still, we refer victims to other resources. Through extensive searches on the Internet and networking with other organizations we have been able to compile a directory of resources. Included in our database, we refer families to a variety of resources including:

- 1) Red Cross
- 2) United Way
- 3) Salvation Army
- 4) NJ Realtors Association
- 5) NJ Chamber of Commerce - Disaster Fund for the Children of NJ
- 6) Kiwanis International
- 7) Twin Towers Orphan Fund
- 8) United Jewish Families and Communities
- 9) Rockland County Builders Association
- 10) "Kids For Kids"
- 11) The Gift of New York
- 12) The Irish American Fund
- 13) The Crime Victims' Board

In developing and maintaining this database, we have identified resources everyone has received and what they remain eligible for and are better able to advocate for them. Catholic Charities has other resources with which to assist these families. We have counseling available, free of charge, through our Hope House Agency in Dover, our Partnership for Social Services Family Center in Franklin, and Catholic Family and Community Services in Paterson and from among a list of two dozen professional counselors who have volunteered their services. We established a job bank to assist displaced workers and have a job developer to work with them as they seek employment. In the aftermath of September 11, Catholic Charities began compiling information and created multiple resource/information guides. We created and distributed "Come Together", a manual with information on grief, trauma, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, prayers, and a directory of resources and important phone numbers. In December, we distributed "Coping with the Holidays

and Other Special Occasions” to all families, parishes, Catholic Charities agencies, and other organizations. We also created a much larger (4 inches), and more detailed manual for those responding to disasters. The first issue of the Catholic Charities disaster newsletter “Families of September 11” was created and mailed in the second week of March. We distributed this to all the affected families, all parishes in our Diocese, to some local businesses and organizations, and all Congressional and Senatorial offices, Catholic Charities agencies, and Diocesan Centers in the state.

We have maintained regular contact with WTC clients/families in a variety of forms since September. Our case managers have already made some home visits and continue to make more. They visit support group meetings. We have sent out numerous letters to the families detailing and updating them on resources and changes in our program. Lastly, we have maintained repeated and extensive phone contact with those affected.

Our staff has also attended numerous training sessions conducted by a variety of groups. These trainings sessions include:

- 1) One Interfaith training in NY City (sponsored by Church World Services)
- 2) Three Training sessions sponsored by the NJ Self-Help Clearinghouse on various responses to trauma and grief
- 3) Two “Caring For the Care Givers” training sessions at the NJ Food Bank and taught by professionals from Oklahoma City
- 4) One FEMA training and information session at the NJ Food Bank
- 5) Three training sessions on a variety of subjects (“Helping Children Cope with Disaster”, “Attack on America and our Children”, and “Teaching Tolerance”) located in Monmouth County and sponsored by Prevention First
- 6) Our staff continues to participate in the NJ VOAD
- 7) Our staff continues to network with other Catholic Charities Agencies providing assistance in New Jersey and in New York.

Looking ahead to the future we are positioned now for a multi-year effort of providing services. Over the next three years we will receive over \$2,000,000 from Catholic Charities USA to fund additional staff to provide case management services, job development services, counseling and education to affected persons. We know from the experience of the people in Oklahoma following the bombing of the Federal Building there years ago, that the recovery process will be long. Even now we are exploring other funding sources that will allow us to continue vital services past the three year point in time for which we are funded by CCUSA.

We are most appreciative of the prayers, offers of time and the thousands upon thousands of dollars the people of the Diocese donated to assist those impacted. As you can see, that money was put to immediate and good use. I want to assure you too that those monies donated by the people of the Diocese will continue to be used for direct client assistance. It will never be used for administrative overhead.

DISASTER RESPONSE CHRONOLOGY

September

- Began providing direct financial assistance
- Began gathering & disseminating resource materials
- Offered counseling services
- Bishop Rodimer authorized Diocesan wide collection to establish a 9/11 Disaster Relief Fund
- Established job placement service for displaced workers
- Conducted fax/e-mail/telephone survey of every parish in the Diocese to identify effected persons

October

- Cathedral Concert series presented Mozart’s Requiem on 10/14/01 in honor of the victims and heroes of 9/11
- Established computerized prayer board on Catholic Charities web site
- Published and circulated first edition of “Come Together – A Guide to Disaster Awareness”

December

- Bishop Rodimer sends special Christmas greeting and gift to effected families
- Developed and circulated resource booklet titled “Coping with the Holidays and Other Special Occasions”
- With grant funds from CCUSA established a case management program for effected persons

January

- With grant funds from CCUSA hired a Job Development Specialist to assist displaced workers

February

- Revised and expanded “Come Together” manual
- Received CCUSA multi-year grant to continue and expand our case management service, job development service and increase counseling services

March

- Published first edition of our Monthly Newsletter for WTC Families
- Six month observance gift sent to families

Save the date . . .



Saturday evening, October 19, 2002

Catholic Charities Caritas 2002

Gala Dinner & Dance

*The Grand Ballroom
Hanover Marriott Hotel
6:30 - 11:00 PM*

*For information & reservations please call
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