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Christmas Bright at Catholic Charities

Over 5,000 gifts donated to individuals at Straight and Narrow, CFCS and the Department for Persons with Disabilities.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson is proud to provide help and create hope for thousands of people in need throughout the year, especially during the Christmas Season.

Over 5,000 presents were handed out to children, families, people with disabilities, seniors, and Veterans. Hundreds of hours of volunteer service were provided by kind-hearted individuals from throughout the Diocese. Our food pantries served thousands of pounds of food during this special time.



Instead of exchanging gifts with each other, the Nicosia Family purchased, gift wrapped and delivered gifts this lovely family of 5, served at the Father English Food Pantry.

Here are some of the acts of kindness that were offered to Catholic Charities during this Christmas Season:

- In November, Catholic Charities Trustee, Katherine M. (Karen) Lordi hosted the 46th Annual Christmas Concert to benefit Catholic Family & Community Services. Over 75 guests enjoyed the hour-long concert at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Church (Morristown), featuring Karen Lordi (Organ), Peter Kanyuk (Saxophone), Joyce Kanyuk (Vocal), Justin Carrasco (Trumpet and Vocal) and the Woman's Club of Morristown Chorus. Over the past four and a half decades, the Lordi Christmas Concert has raised approximately \$500,000 to support various youth programs at Catholic Charities.

- Catholic Family and Community Services' Christmas Blessings Project is a massive undertaking that begins in October with the 23 Parishes and 7 community schools/agencies. Kind donors contributed over 2,000 gifts to children, adults and seniors participating in CFCS' programs.

- The DePaul Catholic High School Spartans Football Team hosted a Christmas party for individuals from the Barnet and Fitzpatrick Houses at DPD. This annual event features food, presents, dancing and Santa. This event was started by the Hanson family nearly 10 years ago.

- The St. Thomas Children's Choir (Jefferson Township) caroled at several of the Department for Persons with Disabilities group homes in Jefferson Township.

- The Delbarton High School Christmas Event was held at the Father English Center in Paterson. Delbarton provided toys and joy for children and their siblings who are registered in CFCS' programs. (For more information see page 4)

- The annual Angel project, led by Diocesan Parishes, provided over 2,000 presents to the individuals served at Straight and Narrow.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Catholic Charities Friends, Volunteers and Supporters,

We are so proud of the heartfelt effort that our staff team puts forth each day. Many of our employees work in programs that are staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year including the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Catholic Charities employees are like family to the individuals we serve. Their dedication allows us to provide help and create hope for thousands of people each day.

We would like to thank the many individuals who gave to Catholic Charities during the Christmas Season. Whether you volunteered your time, made a donation, or provided food for our pantries, your support is vital.

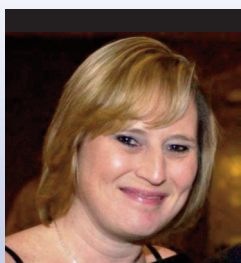
Our Executive Team will be saying farewell to Chris Barton, who will be moving on to a new position, outside of Catholic Charities, in February. Chris has always put the needs of the poor at the forefront of everything she does. We wish her the best throughout all of her future endeavors. During this time of transition, we are always here to work with you and answer any questions you may have.

As we look towards the rest of 2019, and the future of Catholic Charities, we know that it is bright with our Board of Trustees, Diocesan Family and you by our side.

Sincerely,

The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson
Executive Team

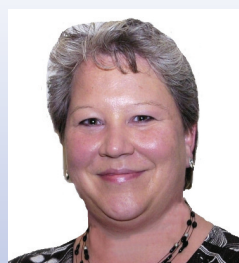
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson helps thousands of people each day. Your support allows us to provide help and create hope for those in need throughout our community.

There are many ways that you can make a lasting impact:

- Make a 1-time tax-deductible contribution
- Make a memorial or in honor of donation to support someone you love
- Attend, sponsor or donate to:
The Murray House Dinner Dance (ccpaterson.org/murray) or the
Veteran's Stakeholder's Breakfast (ccpaterson.org/breakfast).

- Remember us in your will
- Transfer stock
- Donate food to any of our food pantries
- Give clothing
- Donate your car – CCCars.org
- Purchase Sesso Espresso (Proceeds to Catholic Charities) – ccpaterson.org/sesso
- And always, keep the Catholic Charities Family in your prayer intentions. We will pray for you!



COVER STORY CONTINUED...

Christmas Bright at Catholic Charities - cont'd

- The Department for Persons with Disabilities Fight for the Right Community Service Group held their annual Christmas Party. This group, helped numerous charitable causes throughout the year and most recently gave back to families served by Habitat for Humanity in Mine Hill.
- The Parish Family of St. John Vianney, Stockholm; led by Pastor Fr. Matthew Twiggs, purchased and gift wrapped presents for all of the individuals served by the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD).
- Students from DePaul and Don Bosco high schools spent a day sorting and organizing presents donated by Diocesan Parishes for the individuals served at Straight and Narrow.
- Knights of Columbus Councils, #5563, Vernon; #6320, Succasunna; and #7784 Newton purchased gifts for 7 of the Department for Persons with Disabilities Group Homes.
- Bishop Arthur Serratelli made a Pastoral Christmas visit to Straight and Narrow on December 22nd.
- St. Joseph School (Mendham) visited Friendship Corner 2 on Monday, Dec. 10th. The students, staff and parents brought along a guitar-playing Santa Clause, played games and gave gifts to all of the students of FC2.
- Volunteers from St. Mary's Parish, Paterson wrote greeting cards to all of the individuals served by the Department for Persons with Disabilities.
- Numerous gift drives were held by community service groups for blankets, coats, hats/Scarves/Gloves, socks and boots which have supported the Homeless Point in Time Count.
- The Daly, Norz, and Bohn families of Jefferson Township purchased gifts for all of the individuals served at the Department for Persons with Disabilities and handed them out at DPD's agency-wide Christmas party.
- Our 3 Food Pantries were able to provide over 1,000 individuals or families with food, including turkeys and chickens for Christmas dinner.
- Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Branchville, led by Father Edward Rama, purchased gifts for families and individuals served in Sussex County, including Veterans, people with disabilities and those in need.
- The Jefferson Township Fire Department and Santa visited group homes helping individuals with special needs.



The Knights of Columbus, Don Bosco Council #7784 Newton purchased, gift wrapped, and presented Christmas Gifts to the individuals of DPD's Kelleher Apartments and Wehrlen House.

- Local Brownie and Girl Scout Troops handcrafted gifts for individuals served at the Department for Persons with Disabilities
- In lieu of purchasing gifts for each other, the L'Altrelli Family purchased presents for the individuals who live at Columbus House.
- In lieu of purchasing gifts for each other, the Nicosia Family purchased presents for a needy family of 5 served at the Father English Center.
- Blue 42 Restaurant in Elmwood Park, led by owner Giorgio Biancamano, held a Christmas toy drive for children served by the Father English Center in Paterson.
- The Beacon Sharing Fund, the Catholic Charities Happiness Tree Appeal and other year-end Christmas giving endeavors helped raise over \$75,000 for Catholic Charities this Christmas Season.



Father Matthew Twiggs (left) of St. John Vianney Parish and Giorgio Biancamano of Blue 42 Restaurant in Elmwood Park, both led gift drives for those in need this Christmas Season.

"The birth of Christ brings us great joy. Thousands of individuals volunteered, donated to or supported Catholic Charities this Christmas Season; a true sign of God's love for all! On behalf of all of those helped at Catholic Charities, thank you to everyone who thought of us during this special time of year" said Scott Milliken, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson, Chief Executive Officer.



PROVIDING HELP - VOLUNTEER NEWS

Delbarton Green Wave Brings Happiness to the Father English Center

December saw a Delbarton Green Wave come over the Catholic Charities Father English Community Center. More than 70 students and 30 parents from the Delbarton School, Morristown, arrived for a day of joy and giving. For the 5th year, Delbarton provided toys and joy for children and their siblings who are registered in the CFCS programs. Delbarton requested the ages of all of the students in the Father English Center youth programs as well as in El Mundo del Nino and El Mundo de Colores. No child was left out.

Delbarton then collected and donated two toys for each child and any siblings in their families. This is a mammoth undertaking for Delbarton extending over 3 months. Each year the Delbarton team refines it to be extra special. The selection of gifts this year was extraordinary - no one could go without or be unhappy!

You can tell the Delbarton coordinators of the program: Dr. David Hajduk, Director of Campus Ministry and Dr. Jonathan Cote, Registrar, are used to working with the boys and they respond as a well-oiled team. Together with a team of mothers including: Gladden Falivene, Maureen Smart, Sharon Tompkins, and Rebecca Van Volkenburgh, they oversee the organization and planning of this great event. In addition to the toys provided by Delbarton students, the Albarelli family, alumni of Delbarton, had donated a

truck load of toys from their Amloid Company each year. This year the toys were donated by the Albarelli family in memory of Michael who died in a tragic accident this summer. We were touched that Joe, and his sister in law with her two boys and her mom spent so much

time with the children at FECC. Michael is truly missed but very present to everyone thru their love and spirit.

Sister Maureen Sullivan, SC, Director of Pastoral Services and the CFCS liaison with Delbarton said, "This year more than 681 children in 301 families were the beneficiaries of this wonderful show of Christmas love and caring for others. What a wonderful day everyone had. For many families, these would be the only Christmas gifts. Not only were the children happy, but you could see the joy on the faces of the parents knowing that their children were getting the chance to select gifts for

themselves. The generosity of all involved continues to amaze. So very many families left happy and grateful!"

The true Christmas spirit of love, sharing, caring for others and enjoying the moment filled the air at the Father English Center. God's love was truly embodied in each of those who gave and in the faces of those who received. Our friends at Delbarton, their students, families, faculty, administration and alumni are a blessing for our children and families at Catholic Charities.



*"Life's most
persistent and
urgent question is,
What are you doing
for others?"*

*Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr.*



Become a Volunteer; www.ccpaterson.org/volunteer

Catholic Charities has over 300 volunteers who give back to the many people we serve.

We have individuals who volunteer one on one with people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, pet therapy volunteers, those who help senior citizens, youth volunteers, music therapy volunteers, individuals who help with our fundraising events, a volunteer board of trustees, those who help people who are struggling with addiction and countless other people who help in various ways.

If you, a friend or a loved one would like to volunteer please contact one of our volunteer departments today!

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CREATING HOPE - PROGRAM NEWS

DPD Reaccredited by COA

The Department for Persons with Disabilities recently received their reaccreditation from the Council on Accreditation.

The Council on Accreditation (COA) is an international, independent, nonprofit, human service accrediting organization.

Reaccreditation is a tremendous achievement that demonstrates that DPD is recognized as a provider that continues to successfully implement high performance standards and, as such, is delivering the highest quality services to all of its stakeholders.



"I am proud of this accomplishment and DPD's ongoing commitment to excellence, as evidence by our COA accreditation since 1986. The commitment of our staff is always evident in all they do to provide the highest quality care to some of the most vulnerable citizens in New Jersey. This achievement is certainly a group effort and this success should be celebrated by and shared with all DPD staff," said Joanna Miller Executive Director, DPD.

Partnership for Drug Free New Jersey Visits Straight and Narrow

Mr. Angelo Valente, Executive Director, and his team from the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) recently visited Straight and Narrow to discuss a growing relationship between primary prevention services and treatment services to combat the drug epidemic.

PDFNJ is one of the leaders in the state that is committed to educating the public about substance abuse and the disease of addiction. Straight and Narrow supports their mission and deeply appreciates their work.

Straight and Narrow, Catholic Charities, looks forward to working closely together in the near future.



Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) and the Straight and Narrow Executive Team are proud to work together to help the public learn about substance abuse and the disease of addiction.

Hope House Participates in Project Homeless Connect

Leadership Staff from Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson, Hope House participated in Project Homeless Connect on January 24th at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown.

Project Homeless Connect is a daylong, consumer focused, one-stop event designed to provide an array of resources and support to those experiencing homelessness in Morris County.

Project Homeless Connect began in 2004, when the city of San Francisco organized a special day dedicated to providing necessary services to the homeless. The Morris County Project Homeless Connect event began in 2008 under the leadership of the Mental Health Association and typically serves about 200 people per year.

Some 43 community-based service providers, including Catholic Charities, participated and helped provide resources free of charge.



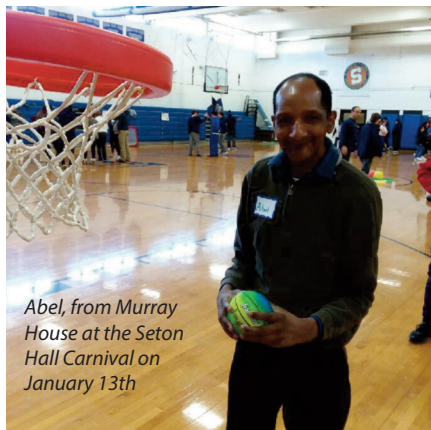
Members from the Catholic Charities, Hope House Team at the Homeless Connect Event in Morristown

In 2018, NJCounts found 9,303 homeless men, women and children (300 in Morris County) in 6,982 households across New Jersey.

Catholic Charities' Community Emergency Support (CES) Program in Morris County offers a homeless prevention program to assist families to prevent potential homelessness or transition from a state of homelessness to Morris County Residents. This program offers clients short term financial assistance and linkage to basic essential services like food and clothing from our Hope House Choice Pantry.

Individuals can call the CES Emergency assistance line at 973-279-7100 extension 3038 for a confidential appointment to determine eligibility for this program.

CREATING HOPE - PROGRAM NEWS



Abel, from Murray House at the Seton Hall Carnival on January 13th

Seton Hall Prep Varsity Baseball and Camp New Day Make a Difference

On January 13th The Seton Hall Prep Baseball Team, partnered with Camp New Day to host a Carnival for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Several of the people who live at Catholic Charities, Department for Persons with Disabilities attended and had a great time!

New Day provides respites and vacations for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing indoor and outdoor recreational activities that cater to all levels of client functionality.

DPD is blessed to have partnered with New Day for over 30 years!

Wise Program Helps Seniors

Featured in North Jersey Record
November 11, 2018 By Lindy Washburn

Thank you to the WISE (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education) Program for their continued support. This great initiative is provided by The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources.

They recently visited our Senior Activities Program and offered their free workshop designed to help senior citizens celebrate healthy aging, make healthy lifestyle choices and avoid substance abuse.

The program's interactive lessons provided valuable educational services to individuals on topics including health and wellness, pain management, medication use, stress management, depression and substance abuse.

Our Senior Activity Program is a free Program that serves over 300 seniors, 62 years old or older that reside in Paterson.



Individuals from the Senior Activity Program proudly displaying their Wise Diplomas.

The Senior Activities Program provides the seniors the opportunity for physical, social and intellectual development while creating new bonds for social support.

Parish Community Spreads Joy

Thank you Pastor, Father Brian Sullivan and Parish Family of Christ the King, New Vernon for their thoughtful contributions through the We Care, We Share Program to the Department for Persons with Disabilities, Straight and Narrow and Catholic Family and Community Services.

These generous gifts allowed the DPD to purchase a new generator at Wiegand Farm; allowed the Father English Food Pantry to purchase a new refrigerator for fresh produce; and helped Straight and Narrow clients participate in a CrossFit Training program for overall health and wellness.

Through the generosity of a prior bequest, an initiative called "We Care/We Share" was launched in 2017 to support the Church's current and future outreach programs.

Parishioners from Christ the King have pledged contributions which were then matched from interest generated from the bequest. The Fund is used to serve organizations within the Paterson Diocese.



"We are so grateful for the continued support of Father Brian Sullivan and the Parishioners of Christ the King Parish. This

generator will assure that all of the people we serve are kept safe and secure. Their additional gifts to Straight and Narrow and the Father English Food Pantry will also make an immediate difference in the lives of people in need," said Joanna Miller, Executive Director, DPD.

"For it is in giving
that we receive."

St. Francis of Assisi

Honoring Those Who Make a Difference

The 49th Annual Murray House Dinner Dance will be held on February 17th at the Brownstone in Paterson. This event will honor individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and those who make a difference in their lives. The gala, one of the longest running in New Jersey, is chaired by the Murray Family. Jimmy Murray, a young boy with disabilities from Paterson, was the inspiration for the Murray House Group Home, which opened in 1971. It is the longest running group home for people with special needs in the state of New Jersey.

The Veterans SOS Stakeholders Breakfast will be held on March 30th at the Brownstone. This event will recognize those who have served our country and individuals who have made a lasting impact in their lives.

Award Recipients include:

Murray House Dinner Dance - ccpaterson.org/Murray

Person of the Year: Father Matthew Twiggs -
Pastor, St. John Vianney and St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes
Public Servants of the Year: The Paterson Police Department
Marilyn Murray Keenan Inspiration Award
(Volunteer of the Year): Steve Binder
Employee of the Year: Frank Amantea, Gruenert Center

Veterans SOS Stakeholders Breakfast - ccpaterson.org/Breakfast

Passaic County: John Swank, American Legion Riders -Post 174

Morris County: Jim Feeney, Welcome Home Vets -
Order Of The Purple Heart

Sussex County: Patty Green - Sussex Elks

Essex County: Emerson Crooks - Newark Stand Down, Mental Health Association

Bergen County: Jim Tedesco- Bergen County Executive

Hudson County: John Carey, Mark Villamar - Hoboken American Legion Post 107

Union County: Michael Boll- Operation Rebound

Regional Award: Kelly Mazzocchi- Sterling Elks

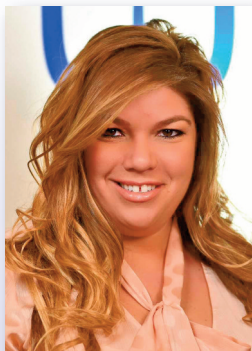
Religious Award: TBA

Educational Award: Ann Treadaway- Rutgers

Women's Veteran Award: Lucy Delgaudio

Middlesex: Paul Sansone- Sansone Auto Group

Straight and Narrow Receives Community Services Block Grant



Angela Nikolovski



Patricia Rizzo

Patricia Rizzo and Angela Nikolovski grant writing team work has led to an agency grant award.

Governor Philip D. Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, awarded Straight and Narrow, Inc. a Community Services Block Grant-Special Initiatives grant of \$40,000. This award will provide funds to provide an enhanced recovery experience for adult Straight and Narrow residential clients that include basic educational skills, and vocational and job

El Mundo de Colores Participates in the Full Service Community Schools Program

Beginning in the 2018 school year, El Mundo de Colores has been chosen to partner with Paterson Public School #2 in the Full-Service Community Schools Program. Since 2010, with an aim of building a path that encourages lifelong learning for students, the Paterson School District's FSCS program works to address the needs of students and parents in a more foundational way.

Funded through the U.S. Department of Education, preparing and supporting children's learning and development are crucial components of the program. Understanding that parental involvement remains a chief determiner of lasting student success, enhanced parent training

and increased parental involvement in the school community are core beliefs of the initiative. To facilitate the transition to elementary school, upon graduation, El Mundo de Colores' newly minted graduates, and their parents/guardians will be invited to participate in School #2's Kindergarten Bridge Program to take place in summer 2019. During the summer institute students and families will become acclimated to their new school environment, their teachers and enhanced services available to Paterson families. The offered services include: an in-school health clinic (vision; pediatric and dental); individualized parent/guardian counseling for health, nutrition and wellness; in-school academic assistance and afterschool and summer programs.



Children from El Mundo De Colores learn about healthy food choices.

We welcome our participation in this vital program and look forward to our ongoing collaboration!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 17, 2019

49th Annual Murray
House Dinner Dance
The Brownstone, Paterson

March 30, 2019

Veterans Stakeholders Breakfast
The Brownstone, Paterson

April 7, 2019

Murray House Beefsteak
and Silent Auction
The Brownstone, Paterson

April 9, 2019

Addiction – Break the Cycle Event
Presented by Straight and Narrow
Passaic County Community
Recovery Event
Passaic County Technical Institute

June 24, 2019

Wiegand Farm Golf Classic
Crystal Springs Resort, Hamburg



Straight and Narrow to Sponsor Recovery Event

Straight and Narrow is proud to partner with New Pathway Counseling and Sheriff Richard H. Berdnik for the Passaic County Recovery Event: **Addiction, Break the Cycle.**

This event will be held on April 9th at the Passaic County Technical Institute. There will be guest speakers, addiction specialists, a panel Q&A and performers including the renowned Straight and Narrow Choir. The event is free and all are welcome.

For more information please contact:
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