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Golfing for a Cause

The 45th Annual Wiegand Farm Golf Classic was held on June 24th. This event has become one of the biggest, best and longest running events in the United States

The Wiegand Farm Golf Classic has become more than just a golf outing – being part of this special day is an experience; a daylong celebration of our important ministry.

Our 45th Annual Wiegand Farm Golf Classic was held on June 24th at Crystal Springs Resort.

The day was made extra special by Miss Teen New Jersey 2019, Ava Tortorici who spent the day with Mary and Kaleigh from Wehrlen House. In addition, we would like to thank; The Morning Show with Steve Andrews and WSUS 102.3 FM; Total Wellness of New Jersey; Fitness Coaching, LLC; Ammon Labs; The Mobile Cigar Lounge, and Chris Bean Photography (cbeanphotos.com) for coming out to our event and hosting various giveaways and contests.

We had over 60 volunteers from the community, local companies, and from throughout Catholic Charities, who came out to this event including Sean, Darlyn, Bill, Billy, Mary, Kaleigh, and John who live at or are served by the Department for Persons with Disabilities. These great people are what the Wiegand Farm Golf Classic is all about.

We recognized several friends at the award ceremony and banquet, following golf. We were happy to honor Mark Avondoglio, Owner of Perona Farms, as our

Dominic Calabrese Humanitarian of the Year. We also recognized Knights of Columbus Council #5563, Vernon, NJ as our Knights of the Year. Finally, we honored Heather Kevlahan as our Jack Kelly Community Leadership Award recipient for her service to our country and community.

We were also honored by the NJ State Knights of Columbus who made a \$10,000 contribution to the Department for Persons with Disabilities.



Miss New Jersey Teen USA 2019, Ava Tortorici with Sean, from Kelleher Apartments, at the 2019 Wiegand Farm Golf Classic at Crystal Springs Resort. This event welcomed a Wiegand-record 350 golfers.

A Wiegand record, 351 golfers registered for this event, and we utilized 3 courses: Ballyowen, Crystal Springs and Wild Turkey.

The Wiegand Farm Golf Classic is now one of the biggest, best and longest-running golf outings in the entire country!

In addition to golf, we raised over \$12,000 on our silent auction, featuring 120 prizes. We also gave away an \$11,000 MEGA 50/50 prize. Congratulations to Tommy, from Oak Ridge on his win.



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Providing help – creating hope.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Catholic Charities Friends, Volunteers and Supporters,

Summer is here and with it comes celebration. Barbecues, time spent with family, children home for vacation, memories being made.

For those who are food insecure, there is no "summer break." Problems persist and questions like "how will I put food on the table for my family" remain.

Summer is also a time in which many food pantries run empty. During Christmas, Thanksgiving and Eastertime donations pour in, but when summer arrives, the poor are often forgotten.

But not in the Diocese of Paterson. Here our cup overflows, thanks to the generosity of many. Our Corpus Christi Food Drive is a Diocesan-wide event, in which dozens of parishes and an uncountable number of parishioners participate. Thousands of pounds of food were brought into our food pantries, serving those in need throughout Morris, Sussex and Passaic County. We are grateful to Bishop Serratelli, Monsignor Mahoney, the pastors and leadership teams of our parishes, and the Diocesan faithful who participated in this important endeavor. We are truly blessed.

May you have a beautiful summer with the ones you love. Please continue to keep Catholic Charities in your prayers.

Thank you for all you do for our important ministry!

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: www.ccpaterson.org/give
- Make a memorial or in honor of donation to support someone you love
- Attend, sponsor or donate to the Caritas Gala: www.ccpaterson.org/Caritas
- Remember us in your will
- Transfer stock
- Donate food to any of our food pantries
- Give clothing
- Donate your car: www.CCCars.org
- And always, keep the Catholic Charities Family in your prayer intentions. We will pray for you!

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Golfing for a Cause cont'd

Our Golf Committee has helped this event grow from a 68 person outing in 2011 to one of the largest golf outings in the entire country! Special thanks to the founder of this event, Jack Kelly, who has been with us throughout all 45 of our Wiegands; Monsignor John Hart and the Assumption Family for their support of the Catholic Charities Family; Denis and Denise Avagliano whose advocacy and leadership has helped this event flourish; and People Need Friends Volunteer Jenn Minervino whose friendship and initiative is inspiring to all.

We would also like to thank all of the golfers who came out to this event. Thank you for supporting our cause and for your kindness and willingness to make a difference. Your support will make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.



Darlyn from Walsh House is pictured at the Win a Watch Hole. If a skilled or lucky golfer hits the green, she/he wins a watch!

The Catholic Charities Family would also like to thank all of the Major Sponsors of the Wiegand Farm Golf Classic:



Over 60 volunteers came out to assist with the Wiegand Farm Golf Classic from local companies, organizations and from throughout Catholic Charities. These smiling volunteers are from Catholic Family and Community Services (CFCS).

Event Sponsor: Lakeland Bank

Diamond Driver Sponsors
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Morristown
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Over 150 businesses, companies and friends sponsored or donated to the Wiegand Farm Golf Classic including Ammon Labs. Pictured here is Amy (left) and Kristine from Ammon at the Ammon Labs Experience Hole.

Your continued support of this event and our ministry is always appreciated. Please join us for the 2020 Wiegand Farm Golf Classic, to help us provide help and create hope for those in need!

PROVIDING HELP - VOLUNTEER NEWS

Fight for the Right Gives Back to Veterans in Need

Fight for the Right is the Department for Persons with Disabilities community service group. The group is overseen by dedicated volunteers Jenn Minervino and Anna Philhower.

In June, the Group met and helped make a difference in the lives of Veterans.

Inspirational greeting cards, handmade by members of the group; "Blessing Bags" (including hygiene items), and clothing donations were given to representatives from SSVF (Support Services for Veteran Families) of Catholic Charities.

The SSVF Program provides supportive services to Veterans with very low income who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.



Rich H. (left) and Rich G. from Columbus House presenting Blessing Bags to Gina Pollut and Melissa Schaber of Catholic Charities SSVF.

"It feels good to give back to our Veterans who have sacrificed so much," said Kaleigh from Wehrlen House.

We are proud of our Volunteers and are blessed to support Veterans in Need!

"Do good everywhere, so that everyone can say 'this is a son of Christ.'"

Saint Padre Pio



Morgan Stanley Gives Back

Every June, Morgan Stanley encourages its employees in NJ and NY to volunteer at social service agencies around the tristate area. In a long standing partnership, Morgan Stanley volunteers help at CFCS sites.



On June 4th, a team of 4 volunteers worked at the Father English Community Center trimming the plants and bushes and removing the weeds around the parking lot. They also painted the front steps, parking lot lines and raised flower beds. A second team of 7 came on June 21st and worked in the Food Pantry and Thrift Shop in both Paterson and Franklin.

We thank Rhonda Peluso and Rita Conte for organizing these teams for us. We are blessed with their enthusiasm and generous service and look forward to welcoming them again next year!

Morgan Stanley

A Morgan Stanley employee weeding at the Father English Community Center.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

We are looking for devoted volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of those in need. To learn more about our volunteer opportunities at any of our agencies, please email info@ccpaterson.org or call any of one of our volunteer coordinators.



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CREATING HOPE - PROGRAM NEWS

Feeding the Hungry

The Diocesan-wide Corpus Christi Food Drive Helps Stock Catholic Charities' Food Pantries

The 2019 Feast of Corpus Christi was on June 20th. This takes place on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday and celebrates the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. To commemorate this Feast and help those at Catholic Charities, thousands of Diocesan Faithful participated in the Corpus Christi Food Drive.

The summer months are a critical time for food donations to pantries because it is when the shelves are empty, with fewer donations coming in to Catholic Charities. We rely on the generosity of others to help stock the shelves to get through these important summer months.



The Corpus Christi Food Drive was created in 2014 to alleviate the food shortage problem that occurred during the summer. In addition to fewer food donations coming in during this season, children, who are off from school for vacation, do not have their regular meals at school.

In May, Bishop Serratelli kindly reached out to all parishes in the Diocese of Paterson to participate in this important endeavor. In a letter to pastors in the Diocese, the Bishop wrote, "Catholic Charities here in our Diocese and around the United States continues to be 'the hands of Christ' in a world in need of greater compassion and service."

We are happy to say that it was our most successful Corpus Christi Food Drive to date. There were 3 different drop off sites throughout the Diocese, one in Morris, Sussex and Passaic County.

"The generosity of the people of Morris County was overwhelming. The collection was above and beyond what we expected to collect. The response from the parishioners at St. Simon's was fantastic. They volunteered their time to check food for expiration dates and the packaging of the food was superb. Thank you to the Deaconate Office for sending volunteers to assist. Their help was greatly appreciated. It was great to see all come together with donations of food, time and talent."

Father Richard Bay, Pastor, Saint Simon,
Green Pond; Dean, Northern Morris; Chairman, Priestly Life.

Catholic Charities operates 3 food pantries throughout the Diocese of Paterson; in Passaic County the Father English Food Pantry; in Morris County the Hope House Food Pantry; and in Sussex County, Partnership for Social Services Food Pantry. Combined, all three food pantries serve between 100-125 clients each day; that's over 25,000 visits per year.



"Our clients are leaving the food pantry with big smiles on their faces, thanking us and blessing us for all the food, cleaning supplies, baby diapers and formula. Without your help it is impossible to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in need. God bless you!"

Carlos Roldan, Director of Catholic Charities Food Pantries

Upon being dropped at our food pantries or picked up by our staff, the food was sorted and distributed by volunteers, food pantry staff and Deacons from the Diocese of Paterson. Over \$5,000 was also raised through parish and individual contributions.

"We are grateful to Bishop Serratelli, Monsignor Mahoney, the pastors of our parishes, and the Diocesan faithful who participated in this important endeavor. Catholic Charities is proud of the many parishioners who supported the Corpus Christi Food Drive. May God Bless you all!"

Scott Milliken, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities.



CREATING HOPE - PROGRAM NEWS

New Executive Director Named at Straight and Narrow



The Catholic Charities Family Congratulates Angela Nikolovski

Congratulations to Angela Nikolovski, on her appointment as Executive Director at Straight & Narrow!

Angela has been promoted from the Director of Special Initiatives where she has coordinated the agency's continuous quality improvement program,

has developed and maintained the agency's policies and procedures to ensure compliance with regulatory standards, and has served as the agency's State Liaison providing oversight for site visits and related inspections.

Angela is a Licensed Professional Counselor with 10 years of experience in the mental health and addiction

treatment field and has worked with a diverse population of clientele in various treatment settings to include partial care, outpatient, intensive outpatient, and opioid treatment programs.

Angela graduated from William Paterson University with a BA in Psychology and obtained her Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling with a Concentration in Addiction Studies at Monmouth University. She graduated Monmouth University as a Chi Sigma Iota Honor Society Member. Angela recently completed a post graduate, nonprofit certificate in Non-Profit Management and received notification of receipt of her Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licence.

"Straight & Narrow has evolved into a premier, pace-setting, comprehensive social service, health care, and community development agency. We are proud of Angela's work as Director of Special Initiatives and know that she will take Straight and Narrow to new heights as they continue to combat the Opioid Epidemic and help improve the lives of those in need," said Scott Milliken, Catholic Charities, CEO.

"The Lord comes to our streets in order to speak a blessing for us and to give us courage. He asks that we too be blessing and gift for others."

Pope Francis at the 2019 Feast of Corpus Christi Papal Mass

Catholic Charities Helps Launch Women Veterans Appreciation Day

Throughout American history, women have played an important role in our military, proudly serving in all branches to protect our freedom.

In June, members of the Catholic Charities family, joined together for the signing of SJR-114, which designates June 12th as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day" in New Jersey!

"This was a phenomenal day in New Jersey for our female Veterans. Today was designated as 'Women Veterans Appreciation Day' on a national level (Senator Cory Booker) and on a state level (Assemblywoman Cleopatra Tucker and Senator Kristin Corrado). We also want to thank Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill for her support. Thank you to the elected officials that supported this very important legislation. We'd also like to acknowledge the NJ SOS Veteran Stakeholders group for their tireless efforts and advocacy. We are glad we can play a small part in this great effort," said Assistant Director of Catholic Charities Veterans Services David Pearson.

This important day will honor the millions of women Veterans who have sacrificed so much to serve our country.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson is blessed to help many Veterans in need each day!



Members of the Catholic Charities Family and Friends of our Veterans Services Community at the NJ Statehouse on June 12th for Women Veterans Appreciation Day.

Caritas Award Recipients Named

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson has announced the Caritas award-winners to be honored at the annual Caritas Gala on November 2, 2019 at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany.

In June, Catholic Charities brought the award-winners together for a luncheon in the Diocesan Pastoral Center to kick off its plans for its annual Caritas Gala.

At the luncheon, the 2019 Caritas award recipients met for the first time sharing their love for the agencies of Catholic Charities and discussing the work Catholic Charities does every day for the needy in the Paterson Diocese. Joining with them were Bishop Serratelli; Msgr. Herbert Tillyer; president of the board of Catholic Charities, and several employees of our three agencies.

At the gala, the Moglia Family Foundation will receive the Bishop's Award; Dianne Macchia Hanson will receive the Department for Persons with Disabilities Award; The Delbarton Campus Ministry Program will receive the Catholic Family and Community Services Award; and St. Joseph's Health in Paterson will receive the Straight and Narrow Award.

Scott Milliken, CEO of Catholic Charities, said, "The Caritas Gala highlights the important mission of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson. Each day, we help thousands of people in need. Our award nominees — The Moglia Family Foundation, St. Joseph's Health, Dianne Macchia Hanson, and the Delbarton Campus Ministry Program — truly epitomize Christ's love for all. Our gala helps raise needed funds for the most vulnerable throughout the Diocese of Paterson. We ask for your support of this event to honor our nominees and make a difference in the lives of many."

For more information or to support the Caritas Gala visit:
www.ccpaterson.org/Caritas.



Front row, from left:
David Hajduk, director of mission and ministry at Delbarton School, Morristown, whose campus ministry program is the recipient of the Catholic Family and Community Services Award. Ken Morris, vice president of external affairs for St. Joseph's Health, recipient of the Straight and Narrow Award. Dianne Macchia Hanson, recipient of the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) Award. Dr. Louis Gambetta, representing the Moglia Family Foundation, recipient of the Bishop's Award.

Standing, from left:
Tim Potter, diocesan chief development officer; Sharon Thompson, Delbarton Mothers Guild liaison for mission and ministry; Sister of Charity Maureen Sullivan, CFCS director of ministry services and volunteers; Rebecca VanVolkenburgh, Delbarton Mothers Guild liaison for mission and ministry; Joanna Miller, DPD executive director; Dharmesh Parikh, chief financial officer, Straight and Narrow; Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, president of the Catholic Charities board; Scott Milliken, Catholic Charities chief executive officer, and Chris Brancato, Catholic Charities director of development.

Awards Season

Catholic Charities Staff and Programs Honored at numerous community events

Throughout the last several weeks, Catholic Charities staff members, programs, and supporters have been honored at various events in the community. Congratulations and thank you to the following recipients for providing help and creating hope for those in need:

Board President, Rev. Msgr. Herbert Tillyer

April 4th – Assumption College for Sisters – Servant Leader Award

Msgr. Herbert Tillyer is the Pastor of Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in Parsippany and the Board President of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson. Monsignor Tillyer is the only person active within the Diocese of Paterson to serve on all three Catholic Charities Boards of Trustees. Msgr. Tillyer was honored for his service to the Church, community, and to the Assumption College for Sisters Family.

Director of Food Pantries, Carlos Roldan Director of Pastoral Ministry, Community Programs and Volunteers, Sr. Maureen Sullivan

May 2nd – Connect for Community Outstanding Partnership Award

Connect for Community, based out of Sparta, provides food and toiletries to food pantries, soup kitchens, and social service agencies. Throughout the year, they support numerous causes including Catholic Charities' Father English Center, Hope House, and Partnership for Social Services Family Center. "This year's recipients, Carlos Roldan and Sister Maureen Sullivan, from the Father English Food Pantry and Catholic Family and Community Services in Paterson, make us better than we could ever been on our own," said Suzanne Stigers, Executive Director. Carlos and Sr. Maureen were honored for their lifetime of service to the poor.

Anthony Iovine, Catholic Charities' Walsh House

May 7th – New Jersey Association of Community Providers – Community Star Award

Anthony was honored along with other fine individuals, who happen to have intellectual and developmental disabilities, from throughout

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Awards Season (cont'd)

New Jersey. Anthony is often seen as DPD's mayor when he is out in the community; greeting everyone he meets and everyone knows his name. Anthony is involved with the Knights of Columbus, Fight for the Right Community Service Group and is a staple at the Annual Wiegand Farm Golf Classic.

Development Director, Christopher Brancato

May 10th – Saint Mary's High School, Rutherford – Distinguished Alum

Chris has been a member of the Catholic Charities Family for the past 15 years. Prior to being appointed the Development Director for Catholic Charities last July, he served as Development Director for the Department for Persons with Disabilities for 7 years. Mr. Brancato (Class of 02) dedicated the award to his mother Jeanette, a cancer survivor who, on Christmas, received a life-saving bone marrow transplant, from a kind donor.

The Father English Community Center

May 18th – The Community Foodbank of New Jersey – Hunger as a Health Issue Award

The Father English Center helps thousands of people in need each week throughout Paterson.

Father English was honored with the Summit Medical Group Foundation and 6 other agency partners. This year, the Community Foodbank's Blue Jean Ball focused on Hunger as a Health Issue and highlighted the importance of fresh produce and nutrition education in our work. Fr. English has worked with the Summit Medical Group Foundation to help combat diabetes through health screenings and nutritional education. Carlos Roldan, Director of Catholic Charities' Food Pantries accepted the award on behalf of the Father English Center staff, volunteers, and community partners.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson, Legal Immigration Services

June, 2019 – American Psychiatric Association – Chester M. Pierce Human Rights Award

Catholic Charities provides assistance to immigrants throughout the U.S. including offering social and legal services to help immigrants in new communities throughout the Diocese of Paterson. The Chester M. Pierce Human Rights Award recognizes the extraordinary efforts of individuals and organizations to promote the human rights of populations with mental health needs by bringing attention to their work.



Catholic Charities, DPD's Support Coordination Team at the Annual SCARC Awards Dinner

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson, Department for Persons with Disabilities Support Coordination Program

June 13th – SCARC Inc. – Joseph Wehmeyer Distinguished Service Award

DPD's Support Coordination program was honored with the SCARC Inc. Joseph Wehmeyer Distinguished Service Award for excellence in supporting persons with disabilities in Sussex County. This premiere program works with individuals and their families to help them reach their full potential and identify service providers and community supports. Throughout the last year, DPD has expanded their Support Coordination efforts to provide help for over 200 individuals and their families throughout Sussex County.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson

June 14th – Health Coalition of Passaic County – Inaugural Member Award

The Health Coalition of Passaic County (HCPC) honored Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson for being a founding member of the Coalition. The HCPC consists of local, county, state and private agencies who serve the residents of Passaic County.



Carlos Roldan, Director of our Food Pantries accepted the Community Foodbank of New Jersey Award on behalf of Catholic Charities and is seen here with Carlos M. Rodriguez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Community Foodbank of New Jersey; and Master of Ceremonies, comedian Adam Sank.

*"Keep your face
always toward
the sunshine –
and shadows will
fall behind you."*

Walt Whitman

Longtime Straight and Narrow Employee Ken Harding Remembered at Memorial Celebration

On June 26th, the Straight and Narrow Family remembered Ken Harding, who passed away on Thursday, March 21st.

Ken was a kind, warm, caring man who was a Franciscan Friar for over 30 years. He completed a Master's Degree in Counseling at Merrimack College in North Andover Massachusetts. He worked for almost 40 years in the Drug and Alcohol treatment field and was a program director at Straight and Narrow's IDRC.

He had a passion for helping others and touched countless lives along the way. He was quick to lend a kind ear and open heart to those in need, and had a remarkable ability to put others at ease.



Dozens of family members, friends and former colleagues came out to memorialize Mr. Harding at Saint Mary's Church in Passaic. Catholic Charities Board President Rev. Monsignor Herbert K. Tillyer was the Principal Celebrant and was joined by concelebrants Rev. Milton Camargo, Rev. Edward Reading, Rev. Charles Waller, Rev. Robert Wisniewski and Master of Ceremonies Rev. Msgr. William M. Naughton.

Ken Harding led the IDRC Program at Straight and Narrow for over 30 years. He was memorialized on June 26th at St. Mary's Church in Passaic.

New Location for the Paterson Adult Day Center

"A New Journey for the Center"

The Paterson Adult Day Center was the first and currently the only Social Senior Day Center in the entire city of Paterson, established over 43 years ago. The center provides socialization, a hot nutritious mid-day meal, social services support, transportation and activities for seniors, 60 years and older living in Paterson.

In June, the Center moved to a new location, but will continue to provide help and create hope for seniors in need.

New Location:

185 Carroll Street, Paterson, NJ 07501
Monday, June 3, 2019
Phone Number: 973-345-5853

- Free program for seniors that reside in Paterson
- Same warm and caring staff
- Transportation is provided door to door.
- Nutritious noon meal and morning snack provided
- Social activities daily
- Outings as least one time a week
- Garden inside and outside
- Educational and exercise programs
- Bilingual English/Spanish

New Additions:

- Room for activities
- Crafts/puzzles/Games Area
- Room for dining
- Music room
- Quiet room
- Parking lot
- Gym



Department for Persons with Disabilities Scholarships

DPD Honors 2 Students from Jefferson Township High School

Congratulations to the Jefferson Township High School Class of 2019, on their recent graduation.

This school neighbors our Department for Persons with Disabilities main office and 3 group homes in Oak Ridge. Throughout DPD's history, the students have kindly donated their time to make a difference.

This year, DPD was proud to honor Brandon Kuba and Kaitlyn Hollar with scholarships. Each year 2 scholarships are awarded to students who have volunteered in the special needs community and/or who are looking to establish a career in special education.

This is a small token of our appreciation to JTHS and students who have shown a passion for helping others.



DPD Executive Director Joanna Miller pictured with Kaitlyn Hollar and Brandon Kuba.

CREATING HOPE - PROGRAM NEWS

Team Catholic Charities Participates in the Tank Pull

The Knights of Columbus have been longtime supporters of Catholic Charities, giving to and volunteering for many of our programs including our Veterans Services. We were proud to give back and assemble a team for their annual Tank Pull Challenge held on June 23rd.

The Tank Pull Challenge is a physical test of endurance, as competitors must make a determined effort to overcome the impossible odds of moving an immovable object – an 80,000 pound tank mounted on a flatbed truck. The clarion call for the competitor is take up the challenge and overcome the impossible!

Taking part in the Tank Pull Competition benefits Veterans and particularly the Wounded Warriors financially and materially, and ensures that their service will not be forgotten.

The 19 member Catholic Charities team consisted of staff members, volunteers and members of our Veterans Community.



Team Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson at the Knights of Columbus 2019 Tank Pull in Clifton.

*“Let love and
faithfulness never
leave you;
bind them around
your neck,
write them on
the tablet of
your heart.”*

Proverbs 3:3

Monsignor Wall Center Celebrates CARF Reaccreditation



Straight and Narrow staff at the Monsignor Wall Center in Paramus.

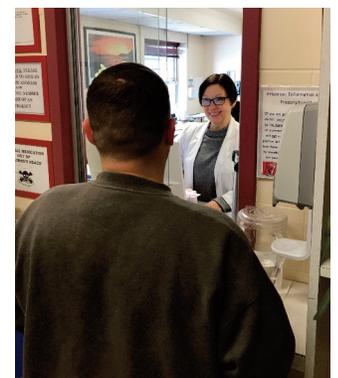
Catholic Charities Straight & Narrow recently announced that the Monsignor Wall Social Service Center, Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center and Medical Day Care received a three year CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accreditation. In May, the Monsignor Wall Center leadership and professionals celebrated this great honor.

CARF provides accreditation services worldwide at the request of health and human service providers.

The Monsignor Wall Social Service Center (MWC) is an outpatient Medication Assisted Treatment and detoxification program, in Paramus, that has been in operation since 1971 providing outpatient care to adult men and women who are opiate addicted. MWC provides a medically monitored treatment regimen; individual and

group counseling; gender-specific groups for women; testing, counseling and referral (when applicable) for pregnant women; counseling for HIV; education about opioid addiction; education about Methadone; family and couples counseling; 12-step education and more.

"For MWC, it is a great achievement becoming accredited by CARF, as it speaks to our high standards of treatment for each and every client. At MWC, we continue to strive and aspire to excellence, while performing the day to day tasks of working with our clients who are seeking to remain abstinent from illicit drug use. Each client is treated with care, and empathy, using a high standard of clinical knowledge and services to assist each client towards a desired outcome. It is a great honor for MWC to become CARF accredited for the 3rd time. It speaks to our dedication to our clients at SN/MWC and Catholic Charities," said Donna Puglia, the Outpatient Director at Straight and Narrow and the Monsignor Wall Center.



The Monsignor Wall Center helps hundreds of individuals each week.

Acts of Kindness



On June 15th employees of Primary Freight Services and their families visited DPD, Fitzpatrick House in Pompton Lakes, where they completed an extensive yard beautification project.

Fitzpatrick House is home to 4 men with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They also enjoyed a pizza lunch that they bought for everyone, including Fitzpatrick House residents and staff members.



Van Peenan Landscaping based in Wayne, NJ offered materials, tools and services to restore Straight and Narrow's garden nestled in the corner of the large parking lot on the corner of Straight Street and 20th Avenue in Paterson. The Van Peenan staff, Tim Davis and Jesse Mawhinney, took special interest in the garden because they remember what it looked like when they were Halfway House clients several years ago.



Thank you to all of those who participated in the 5th Annual Recycle-A-Bicycle event on May 18th, at George Washington Middle School in Ridgewood. Kind volunteers raised nearly \$3,000 and received approximately 40 bicycles for our Father English Center in Paterson. Special thanks to Nicole Richards and the kind volunteers who helped with this great event!

A Giant Afternoon at Gruenert Center

On May 24th, NFL Star, New York Giants fullback Rhett Ellison and his wife, actress and model, Raina Ellison, visited Gruenert Center in Lake Hopatcong to spread some cheer and make a difference.

"The Giants are my favorite team. It was great to have Rhett here!" said Mary who works at Gruenert Center and lives at Wehrlen House.

One of our Gruenert Center volunteers, Cathy Ritz, arranged for this special visit. Rhett, Raina, their daughter Kaya and Jenny from Project Kind, visited Gruenert and participated in a Sandwich Making day in coordination with Project Kind to help feed the homeless.

All of the supplies were donated and Rhett along with our Gruenert Center friends included kind notes/pictures to include in the bags. Rhett also brought gifts, signed autographs and truly brought joy to the people we serve.

Thanks Rhett, Raina and the NY Giants Family!



New Van for Food Pantry Pickups

We recently surprised our Director of Food Pantries, Carlos Roldan with a new van for food pantry pickups. Make sure to smile and honk when you see our new Catholic Charities Van around the community. This van will help serve thousands of people in need throughout three counties.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 5, 2019
Autumn Outdoor
Memorial Mass
Wiegand Farm
Oak Ridge, 11am

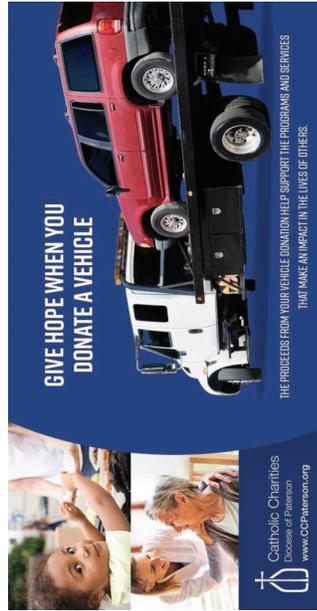
October 26, 2019
Straight and Narrow
Fundraising Concert
St. Anthony's Parish,
Hawthorne, Time TBD

November 2, 2019
Catholic Charities Caritas Gala
Birchwood Manor, Whippany
www.ccpaterson.org/Caritas

November 24, 2019
CFCS Christmas Concert
Holy Family Chapel
The Academy of Saint Elizabeth
in Convent Station, 3pm
Reception to Follow at
Academy Study Hall

January 10, 2020
Dunk for Disabilities
Jefferson Township
High School, 5pm

February 16, 2020
50th Annual
Murray House Dinner Dance,
The Brownstone, Paterson, 6pm




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