

Coming in 2026

# Nationwide Storytelling Exhibit

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) will soon launch a nationwide storytelling initiative and traveling exhibit called **People of Hope: Faith-Filled Stories of Neighbors Helping Neighbors.**

This two-and-a-half-year project celebrates the power of Christian service and its transformative impact on both giver and receiver.

Made possible by a \$5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., People of Hope will travel the United States in a 53-foot semi-tractor trailer beginning in spring 2026, visiting more than 150 communities and engaging an estimated 50,000 visitors.

The People of Hope Museum invites visitors to:

- **Gain awareness and understanding of Catholic Charities in their community.**
- **Get involved through volunteering.**
- **Grow in empathy for those we serve.**
- **See Christianity as a vibrant, living, healing faith.**

**PEOPLE  
OF HOPE  
MUSEUM**

 Catholic  
Charities  
USA.

# About the Exhibit



The People of Hope Museum will bring stories of compassion directly to communities, showing how small acts of generosity can strengthen neighborhoods and bring faith to life. Inside, visitors will experience:

- **Video stories from Catholic Charities staff and volunteers of the client or family that impacted them the most.**
- **An interactive poverty simulator, making difficult choices and experiencing the realities of living on the margins.**
- **A recording studio to share their own stories of hope and service.**
- **An audio library featuring seminal works on poverty, social isolation, bridgebuilding and community action.**
- **National and state data illustrating the need and the vital role of Catholic Charities agencies across the U.S.**

**The People of Hope Museum Tour will visit the following states in 2026:**

## *Sprint 1*

April 1 to July 31, 2026

Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

## *Sprint 2*

August 1 to November 30, 2026

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

Catholic Charities agencies in these regions are invited to help host the exhibit, partner with diocesan and community leaders and share this inspiring initiative with local audiences.

