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Lowe's 100 Hometowns Project Underway in Dubuque

Catholic Charities is thrilled to be **one of the 100 impact grant projects** that are the cornerstone of 100 Hometowns, an initiative to celebrate Lowe's centennial. The 100 Hometowns grant project will complete 100 projects across 37 states that rebuild areas reeling from natural disasters, repair critical housing, restore beloved community centers, and revive green spaces. **Catholic Charities is the only recipient of this grant in the state of Iowa!**

This community impact project is **now in progress at Kennedy Park West** and includes improvements to the parking lots, walkways, and community spaces. New concrete pads at each building with picnic tables and built-in grills will enhance family and community activities. In addition, the grant will provide funds to fence the community garden and resurface the basketball court. New handrails at all stair locations and additional ADA-marked parking spots will improve accessibility. Kennedy Park West is a 1, 2, and 3 bedroom affordable housing community on Dubuque's west end that is home to 73 families.

As part of the 100 Hometowns grant, Lowe's sponsored Red Vest Tuesdays, a designated day for Dubuque Lowe's employees to spend the day working on-site to support the improvement project. **We are incredibly grateful to the hard-working volunteers from Lowe's who dedicated their time and talents to make these improvements possible.** These Lowe's volunteers spent hours working on the community areas and braved the heat and bugs, all with smiles on their faces! Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents with our Kennedy Park West community!



Click [HERE](#) for more information on #100Hometowns!

Attention Birth Parents: If you or someone you know placed a child in an adoptive home and you desire to remain anonymous, please read the following information carefully. Per the Iowa Department of Public Health: Bureau of Health Statistics, adoptees may now receive a noncertified copy of the certificate of birth prior to adoption.

If you want to remain anonymous, this requires your immediate attention.

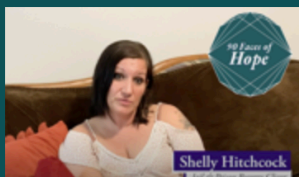
[Click Here](#) for more information from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) or call the IDPH Bureau of Statistics at 515.281.7689. Catholic Charities also has a [resource page](#) with more information, including FAQs.



Join us Friday, September 10th, 2021 at the Hotel Julien Dubuque to watch Ry go "Over The Edge"!

Over The Edge is a unique opportunity for individuals and organizations to raise money and support the United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States (UWDATS) by rappelling off the Hotel Julien Dubuque! All funds raised will go to UWDATS' Community Impact fund which supports 31 LOCAL programs impacting health, education, and financial stability/income. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque has been a funded partner of UWDATS for many years and their partnership helps to keep our mental health counseling services affordable for those who are uninsured or underinsured.

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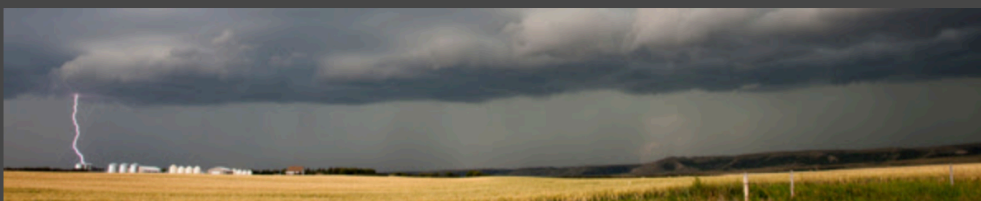


**Watch the 90 Faces
of Hope Videos
HERE**



Iowans Facing Disaster: State Assistance Available

There are currently 9 counties in the Archdiocese of Dubuque with active disaster proclamations and varying deadlines. **Click HERE** for current disaster proclamations and to complete the **Iowa Disaster Assistance Application**.



SAVE THE DATE

Click the links below for more information on each of the upcoming events:

Sept 9 - Oct 14: Nurtured Heart Approach Workshop

This six-week group training is available for parents to learn skills and enhance one's confidence in parenting intense children.

Sept 13: Jail & Prison Reentry Volunteer Info Session

Learn about volunteering with the Jail & Prison Reentry Program from experienced volunteers.

Sept 24: Know Your Rights Presentation

Hear from our Immigration Attorneys about immigrant & refugee rights that accompany legal status.

Now Accepting New Counseling Clients

We are now accepting new counseling clients at our Waterloo office or via telehealth! Janet Schuster, our master's level counseling intern, is available to help you along your journey to improved mental health.

Janet provides counseling services for individuals, couples, and families. She is ready to listen and engage in order to help you reach your goals.

To schedule your first appointment, call 319-272-2080.



Faith In Action: A World in Crisis

Our brothers and sisters around the world are facing immeasurable suffering from war, severe weather, and natural disasters. Visit the links below to connect with Catholic organizations serving vulnerable people in these regions. We continue to pray for all those facing crises around the world.



Prayer for Migrants & Refugees

Merciful God, we pray for families and individuals who have left or fled their homes, seeking safer and better lives. We lift up to you their hopes, fears, and needs, that they may be protected on their journeys, their dignity and rights may be honored and upheld, and they may be welcomed with open arms into generous and compassionate communities. Amen.

(Catholic Charities USA)



Afghan Refugees: What is Catholic Charities' Response?

The tragedy taking place in Afghanistan is overwhelming to the senses in so many ways and we all wrestle with what we can do. But this is not the first time, nor the last time our country will step in to help care for those most vulnerable and suffering. Just as importantly, it will take steadfast courage from all of us, elected representatives, faith and community leaders, and our neighbors, to help welcome all refugees.

The once vibrant refugee resettlement infrastructure that once existed throughout the US, that allowed communities, like ours, to open our arms and hearts to refugees from around the world, no longer exists. In 2017, the Trump administration drastically reduced the admission number of refugees who could legally resettle in the US. As a result, refugee resettlement agencies like ours were forced to close permanently. Now, the only refugee resettlement agencies that exist are in the larger cities like Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, & Iowa City.

Catholic Charities organizations all across the nation, including ours, are working closely with each other and in coordination with CCUSA and USCCB to map out opportunities to provide the help that makes the best use of our resources. Depending on the number of refugees Des Moines is able to resettle, they may need assistance from the other Catholic Charities agencies in Iowa. Once refugees arrive in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, our Immigration legal services (ILS) team will be able to help provide legal representation, in addition to helping individuals from Afghanistan who already reside here, to reunite with their family members.

[Click Here to Read More on How You Can Help](#)

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities!

Together, we are providing help and creating hope for those most vulnerable in our communities.

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