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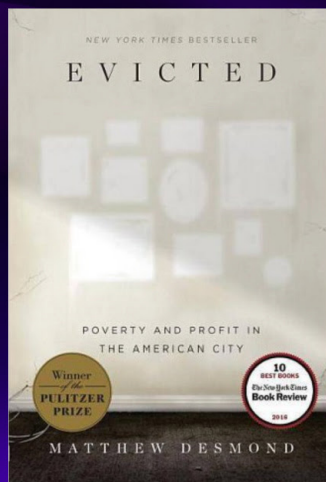
Poverty Awareness Month: The Web of Poverty

In the United States, tens of millions of people live in a web of poverty. This video offers a unique insight into the complexity of poverty, how it connects to the important work of social service agencies, and the factors that keep so many people and families entrapped (PovertyUSA.org). Have you considered how poverty affects your community and what



solutions are needed to overcome poverty? **Catholic Charities helps individuals who are experiencing hardship with immediate needs and empower them with the guidance and tools for a successful future.** We work individually with families to provide ongoing support as they work towards goals they set for themselves, determining their eligibility for assistance, and helping them get connected to much-needed services. Our goal is to ensure families get connected to community resources they are eligible for first, so that we are good stewards of our funds and can help more people who aren't eligible to receive help elsewhere, or those who fall through the cracks.

[Click HERE to learn more about our Poverty Reduction Services.](#)



WHAT WE ARE READING:

Evicted: Poverty and Profit the American City

BY MATTHEW DESMOND

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Tracy Morrison

Executive Director Celebrates 15 years of Service

Catholic Charities recently celebrated Tracy Morrison's 15 years of dedicated service to our agency! Tracy joined Catholic Charities in 2007 and has been the Executive Director since January 2009. She has a Master's degree in Counseling and is licensed in Iowa and Illinois. She is a National Certified Counselor and has spent her entire career working for non-profits advocating for those in need. Throughout her ministry at Catholic Charities, Tracy has played a pivotal role in the implementation and expansion of multiple services, including the acquisition of an affordable housing property, the launch of Immigration Legal Services, the development of Poverty Reduction Services and Case Management, the growth of Jail & Prison Reentry Ministry, and,

and the development of counseling telehealth services. Tracy's person-centric leadership and her passion for serving the most vulnerable in our communities have guided Catholic Charities through natural disasters, federal-level policy changes, a global pandemic, and so much more! We are incredibly grateful for the time and talents she utilizes to impact thousands of lives in Northeast Iowa every day.

Congratulations on 15 years from all of us at Catholic Charities!

In December 2022, we welcomed our national counterparts from Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) to Dubuque for a site visit of our affordable housing communities. Kennedy Park West and Ecumenical Tower were both part of the tour and we were grateful for the opportunity to demonstrate the quality of our affordable housing communities. CCUSA staff help connect Catholic Charities agencies around the country to national resources, pilot programs and technical assistance for all of the programs we offer. This visit was part of the **CCUSA Healthy Housing Initiative tour**, visiting housing sites across the country and evaluating ways to reduce chronic homelessness and keep people housed.



**Catholic
Charities
USA Visits
Dubuque**

Come HOME to Ecumenical Tower

Are you or a loved one seeking safe, beautiful, and affordable housing in Dubuque's vibrant downtown? Ecumenical Tower has apartments available to lease for those 62+ or those living with long-term disabilities.

Ecumenical Tower features a complete kitchen and bathroom in each unit, vending machines, two elevators, air conditioning throughout, coin-operated laundry, a garden, screened-porch outdoor areas, a community lounge, a dining room, and a business center. Our friendly housing staff and 24/7 maintenance service ensure you have a quality home at the Tower. Continue your independent lifestyle in our convenient, friendly housing community. Call Chuck at 563.556.8476 for more information.



**Catholic Charities Hosts Nationally Recognized Speaker
for a Play Therapy Conference**

2023 Play Therapy Conference

Integrating Aggression, Trauma, and Intensity with Children

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You can have an everlasting influence on the lives of those we serve at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Please ask your attorney to include a bequest for our organization in your will. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, please contact Jeff Schneider at dbqcdevdir@dbqarch.org or call (800) 876-3546.

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