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Spring News 2023



Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

As we emerge from the Easter season and look forward to springtime, I am reminded every season brings new opportunities. I think this is what Jesus meant when He said, "I make things new" (Revelation 21:5). How fitting that His resurrection coincides with the season most associated with renewal – spring. Renewal allows us to find hope, give grace, embrace forgiveness and provide second chances, even in the face of overwhelming circumstances.

God is with us in every season of our life. When we face the unknown, we can trust that He is in control and working out every situation for our good. The Bible reminds us to delight in studying the ways of the Lord so that we may truly flourish.

"They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do."
– Psalm 1:3

Refreshed perspectives are available to everyone. Throughout our programs, neighbors are getting a fresh restart, some after unwise choices of their own and others due to uncontrollable circumstances.

In this newsletter, you will read about individuals who are starting afresh with a new level of hope and strength for a better life. Finding a path in this world with meaning and purpose is something we all desire. We hope you will find inspiration in these experiences and see that your prayers, donations and volunteer time help make renewal possible.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'John C. Etling'.

John C. Etling
Agency Director
Catholic Charities Terre Haute

A Season of Resilience



Meet our neighbor, Amy!

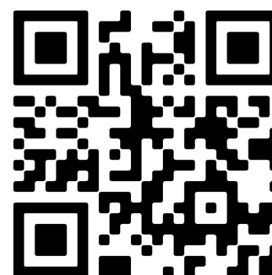
Amy took custody of her niece and nephew in 2021 after their mother was arrested for drug use. Referred to Ryves Youth Center by Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, Amy began bringing the children to youth programming in March 2021, shortly after it reopened from the pandemic. During this time, Amy became homeless. She and the children had been living in their van and sleeping at friends' houses when the weather was bad. In May 2022, the Department of Child Services met with Amy at Ryves where she was told that she needed to find stable housing within a week, or the children would be placed in foster care. The Catholic Charities staff collaborated, and soon Amy and the children found safety and security at Bethany House.

While residing at Bethany House, Amy learned to budget her money and eventually was able to secure their own apartment. The children have been working with the educational volunteers at the Youth Center and have shown improvement in their grades. They also participate in the TIME for Me mentoring program.

"Spring reminds us that resilience is only a season away."
– Angie Weiland-Crosby

Amy's resilience during a season of uncertainty is a testament to the importance of community support. For 50 years, Catholic Charities has served as a beacon of hope to those looking to make a change in their lives. Will you join us in helping more neighbors like Amy today?

Scan the QR code to make a difference.



A Season of Love

In February, Ryves Youth Center celebrated Family Night in the spirit of Valentine's Day. The Youth Center was packed with neighbors ready to enjoy dinner and desserts during a special presentation from Union Health to discuss new job opportunities. Wabash Valley Health Center also provided a free vaccination clinic where those interested could receive a COVID-19 shot. Children and their loved ones designed Valentine's Day cards and took home a beautiful flower arrangement courtesy of Baesler's Market. This event was made possible by a partnership with Terre Haute Housing Authority and Western Indiana Community Action Agency, Inc.



A Season of Hope



For every shopper who enters our Christmas Store, there is a devoted team of volunteers ready to help them make selections. However, some shoppers struggle to know exactly what they need: "Many of our adult shoppers would come in unaware of which size of underwear to pick," Danielle Elkins, Program Director of the Christmas Store explains. In talking with some shoppers, Danielle and her team realized this was because they often do not buy hygiene items for themselves. "The need for hygiene products is not an easy topic for our shoppers to admit," Danielle continues, "but I think there is value in trying to get our community to understand that the Christmas Store is about basic needs – basic items that so many of our families just don't have the ability to purchase for themselves, but items that so many of us take for granted."

All year round, committed retail partners, local community groups and individual donors fill the shelves of the Christmas Store with new gifts. These donations filter through the hands of our dedicated volunteers who meet weekly to unpack, sort and stock the shelves for each shopping season. Each year, hygiene products, clothing, toys and household items are provided for neighbors needing help during the Christmas season.

To learn more about how you can support our shoppers, visit the Christmas Store page of our website at ccthin.org or contact Danielle Elkins at 812-232-4978, Option 1.

Upcoming Events

QUICK QUACK TRAIL RUN REGISTRATION – OPEN NOW!

The Quick Quack Trail Run 5k adventure course takes runners over unique obstacles like a floating bridge (alternate route available) and ramps, all while scrambling over rugged trails as they compete for prized rubber duck trophies! The family-friendly event takes place at the beautiful Griffin Bike Park in Vigo County. Registration for the Quick Quack Trail Run includes a Quick Quack shirt, custom race bib, disposable timing chip and the knowledge that you are creating hope in our community.

The event will be held at 8 AM on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Griffin Bike Park.

Scan the QR code to register!



WABASH VALLEY RUBBER DUCK REGATTA Opening Day of Duck Season – May 22

During the Wabash Valley Rubber Duck Regatta, thousands of bright yellow rubber ducks are released into the Wabash River for a race to the finish line at Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute. Opening Day of Duck Season is Monday, May 22. One lucky duck will receive a \$10,000 cash prize and the chance to win \$1,000,000!

The event will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at Fairbanks Park.



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