



Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All.



Director's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

The Catholic Church's tradition of a Jubilee Year, rooted in the Book of Leviticus, is a profound period of forgiveness, reconciliation, and renewal, celebrated every 25 years. The upcoming Jubilee in 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," invites the faithful to embark on a spiritual journey, reflecting on hope amidst global challenges.

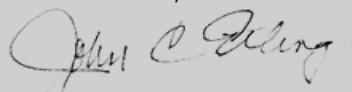
Catholic Charities Terre Haute embodies this spirit through its mission: "to provide help and create hope by nourishing the minds, bodies, and spirits of children, families, seniors, and adults," which resonates deeply with the Jubilee's call for renewal and support for the vulnerable.

The Jubilee Year of Hope calls Catholics to be 'Pilgrims of Hope,' bringing renewal and mercy to the world. Catholic Charities lives out this mission each day by providing help to those in crisis and creating hope for a better future. Just as the Jubilee invites the faithful to restore justice and show compassion, Catholic Charities serves as a source of mercy and reconciliation by offering food to the hungry, shelter to the homeless, and support to vulnerable youth. Through these acts of service, we embody the spirit of the Jubilee, walking alongside those in need and renewing their sense of dignity and hope.

As the global Church embraces the 2025 Jubilee, Catholic Charities stands as a beacon of hope, embodying the very essence of this sacred tradition through its unwavering commitment to serving those in need.

May you find hope and strength in this message.

God Bless,



John C. Etling
Agency Director

Did you know? Your gift to Catholic Charities Terre Haute may qualify as a tax deduction because we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Have you considered how your legacy can impact the future of our community forever?

You can support our mission through a bequest in your will or by naming Catholic Charities as a beneficiary of your life insurance, retirement account or other financial assets.

To learn more about planned giving options, contact Jennifer Tames at 812-232-1447, or jtames@ccthin.org.

April is National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month, the perfect time to recognize the difference that volunteers make in our community. Last year, 226 volunteers contributed 23,151 hours across our programs. From lending a hand at our Bread and Produce distributions at the Foodbank, mentoring a child at Ryves Youth Center, assisting individuals at the Christmas Store, or preparing sack lunches, our volunteers made a lasting impact on those we serve. We are incredibly grateful for their time, compassion, and commitment to helping our neighbors.

Their dedication highlights the profound difference one person can make. Volunteering is not only about giving back to the community, but also about gaining new skills, connecting with others, and finding a sense of purpose. If you've been considering how you can make an impact, now is the perfect time to get involved and experience the rewards of volunteering for yourself.

[Click here to learn more](#) or call us at 812-232-1447, Opt. 3

To show our gratitude, we're excited to invite our incredible volunteers to a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on April 29 at Ryves Youth Center. It's our way of saying thank you for your time, dedication, and the impact you make every day. Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to celebrate with you!

2025 Soup Bowl Benefit

The 2025 Soup Bowl was a huge hit, all thanks to our amazing sponsors, talented bowl artists, delicious soup and bread partners, volunteers and the sell-out crowd who attended and supported the event! Your generosity has helped us provide as many as 85,000 meals to our neighbors. Each meal provides our neighbors with more than just nutritious food—it provides them with hope. Below are some of the highlights from the event:

- More than 30 local restaurants and businesses provided the soups, breads and desserts for the event
- The crowd favorite 2025 Top Soup Winner went to St. Patrick Soup Kitchen for their Italian Sausage Soup



Israel's Story: A Young Leader Inspiring His Peers

When Israel first came to Ryves Youth Center at ten years old, he didn't know the impact it would have on his life. Now seventeen, he's not only grown into a thoughtful and dependable young man, but also, someone his peers look up to and trust.

Over the years, Israel has embraced the opportunities at Ryves—not just to learn and grow as a person, but to uplift those around him. Israel's peers look up to him because he encourages them to make good decisions and to have ambitions for their future.

His commitment to being a leader was recently recognized when he received the Youth Leadership Award at Family Night—an honor he takes to heart. As a leader, he is loyal and protective towards those he cares about, such as his family and peers at Ryves. At Ryves, Israel found more than a safe space—he found a place where his dreams mattered. Being a leader gives him the opportunity to share the same hope and encouragement he received at Ryves with his peers.

Through educational programs and the unwavering support of the Youth Center staff, Israel is working toward his goal of finishing high school and building a successful future.

Whether it's receiving tutoring, learning life skills, or simply having a mentor who believes in him, Ryves has given him the confidence to chase his dreams.



Hope in Action: Stacy and Beth's Journeys to a Brighter Future

When Stacy* arrived at Bethany House, she carried more than just the weight of her pregnancy—she carried hope for a better future. Prior to arriving, she had lost custody of her 5-year-old son, Sam. This made Stacy even more determined to create a better future for both herself and her family which grew when she gave birth to her second son in January.

Stacy has made a lot of progress—her visits with Sam have increased and with money saved from her job, she purchased a vehicle. The staff at Bethany House are hopeful that in the next month, Sam will be reunited with his mother, and Stacy will be focused on a brighter future.



For years, Beth* struggled with substance abuse. During that time, she would stop by Bethany House to use the phone, visit the clothing closet, and inquire about shelter. In 2024, something changed—she made the brave decision to enter a 28-day recovery program. While there, she remained in contact with the staff at Bethany House, holding onto the hope that a fresh start was possible.

Once she completed the program, she arrived at Bethany House and began working towards her fresh start. She quickly found employment at Goodwill and is now in training for a supervisor position. Determined to continue to build a better future for herself, she has enrolled in classes to earn her GED and recently purchased a vehicle. Today, Beth is more than 120 days sober!

Beth occasionally speaks at a local recovery center to show others recovering from substance abuse that there is hope.

**Names changed to protect individual's privacy*

A Path to Hope: Ryves Preschool Empowering Children Through Education

Since 1992, Ryves Preschool has been a place where learning and hope go hand in hand. The preschool exists to serve children whose families are experiencing homelessness, living in a shelter, or residing with multiple families in a single household. Children experiencing poverty deserve the same access to high-quality education, which is why we provide full-day educational programming at no cost to the families.

Preschool Director, Sydney McQueary, understands that education is more than just letters and numbers—it's about equipping children with the skills, confidence, and curiosity to thrive. By nurturing their love of learning, she helps these children see a path to a brighter future full of hope.

Check out the photos for a few examples of how she and her staff bring that hope to life in the classroom.

The preschoolers strengthened their fine motor skills and learned a new letter by taking part in a fun craft.



The preschoolers are responsible for feeding and taking care of their new class pet, Teddy.

Every Wednesday, volunteer Dr. D, reads two or three books to the class to help them improve their listening and comprehension skills.



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Parke County Community Health Fair

Join us at the Parke County Community Health Fair on May 5 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Parke County Fairgrounds in Rockville, located at 1472 N U.S. 41. This event features: health screenings, community resources, vaccines, giveaways and more!

Bonus: The first 50 people will receive a FREE hygiene kit (minimum value \$25), a pair of socks, and a \$10 gas card!

Upcoming Events

Quick Quack 5K Trail Run June 21



Register Now!

Duck Season Opens May 23



Learn More!

