

faithworks

SPRING 2022

Dear Friends,

Spring is a time of celebration at Catholic Charities and we want to celebrate our wonderful volunteers! We would not be able to do our critical mission work without the tireless hours put in by the thousands of volunteers that generously give their time, year after year.

Many of our volunteers have been with us for decades, sharing the legacy of service with generations of children and grandchildren. They find joy in serving lunch at the House of Charity, handing out toys at the Christmas Bureau or preparing items for new parents at CAPA/PREPARES. We are grateful for their commitment and friendship!

2021 was an amazing year, and even in the midst of the pandemic, our volunteers safely, and tirelessly served our most vulnerable neighbors. I am thrilled to share that last year we had 3,645 volunteers who contributed over 100,000 hours of service.

I am also happy to share that we are back at the Davenport Grand for our annual Catholic Charities Gala fundraiser. It's been three years since we have been able to host the Gala at the Grand, and we have a lot of exciting surprises for this homecoming. There is more information on the Gala in the pages ahead or you can visit our website at www.cceasternwa.org/gala to learn more and purchase tickets.

Overall, we are humbled because we could not do our work without the help of this wonderful community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every volunteer who gardens in the Food For All greenhouse, drives an elderly neighbor to a medical appointment or the grocery store, plans family game nights at St. Margaret's Shelter, serves food at the House of Charity and all of the other imaginative and helpful tasks you help our clients with. You are a miracle to our clients and to us. Thank you for your incredible service.

May God bless you,



Rob McCann
President & CEO
Catholic Charities Eastern Washington



Bishop Skylstad Commons Groundbreaking

We are excited to announce the groundbreaking of Pasco's first permanent supportive housing community! Bishop Skylstad Commons will be a 60-unit affordable housing complex for individuals experiencing homelessness in Pasco, WA.

Catholic Charities believes that every human being deserves to live with dignity and has a right to safe and affordable housing. Our goal is to offer essential resources so that people can succeed in maintaining housing and are granted opportunities that will ensure housing security. Bishop Skylstad Commons is fully equipped with services that provide the community with clinically trained case managers, licensed counselors, peer supports and other resources, to aid residents in their transition into permanent housing. Bishop Skylstad Commons will change the lives of individuals who have experienced the traumas of intergenerational poverty, chronic homelessness, and substance abuse through on-site access to counseling, case management, healthcare and substance abuse treatment, adult education and employment readiness classes, nutritious food options, meal preparation and more.



As the first of its kind in the area, efforts at Bishop Skylstad Commons will help move the needle toward a solution for chronic homelessness throughout Washington State. Our research shows that 85% of residents who live in our permanent supportive housing grew up in the community where these housing complexes are built. Bishop Skylstad Commons is being designed with the people of Pasco in mind. Catholic Charities will work alongside community partners in Pasco to provide additional support and essential resources for residents. We are grateful for the opportunity to build more affordable housing for people in need. Stay tuned for updates!

Gonzaga Family Haven ▶ Grand Opening

Stay tuned for photos of our Gonzaga Family Haven Grand Opening event on March 30th in our upcoming summer Faithworks edition!



Spring has Sprung!

Food for All Update: Channing Farm Potato Donation

3,500lbs of potatoes were donated by Channing Farms in Twisp, WA, this month. Food for All partners with Linc Foods to distribute food donations to community members and partners throughout the state.

A portion of these delicious potatoes were delivered to resident families at Rising Strong and patrons at the House of Charity! Potatoes also went to Head Start and Early Childhood Education and Assistance programs, local food pantries and affordable housing properties in our community throughout Spokane.

Thank you Channing Farms! Your donation feeds people in need and brings food security to our most vulnerable neighbors.



Lots and lots of potatoes ready to deliver!

Spring Baby Shower supporting families!

Our Catholic Charities Junior Board is hosting a baby shower event at the Catholic Charities Family Services Center located at, 12 E. 5th Ave, on Saturday, May 7th. We are asking for essential baby items from our registry and monetary donations to support soon-to-be mothers and families this spring!

We invite you to attend this community baby shower to support families in need. Guests who provide a donation during the event are invited to have a family photo taken by a professional photographer. We hope to see you there!

Saturday May 7, 2022 | 9 a.m. - Noon

If you are interested in participating or donating, please visit www.cceasternwa.org/baby-shower or scan the QR code.





Mike and Teresa Rhome - CAPA

Mike and Teresa are volunteers at CAPA. Teresa spends three hours per week helping to organize the many donations that come through CAPA's doors regularly. Her time and commitment to this work makes a huge impact at CAPA and helps to make their space orderly and accessible in serving clients. Mike started volunteering with CAPA just a few short months following his wife, Teresa. Mike was paired with a child through CAPA's Education Support program. Mike and his CAPA companion like to build tracks and race toy cars. They also build and paint realistic models. This activity has become a favorite pastime for the two. Mike says that his work through Education Support continues to be a "magical" experience.

Jay and Kay Walter - Christmas Bureau

Jay and Kay are regular volunteers at the Christmas Bureau. The pair have volunteered with Catholic Charities in different capacities for over 17 years. They are the first to offer help when it comes to pickups and deliveries of toys and donations, and step up when extra hands are needed for registration or other administrative efforts during the Christmas Bureau. Jay and Kay go above and beyond in their service, always sharing ideas when planning the event and making sure that their fellow volunteers and staff feel appreciated and involved in this essential work.



Bill and Sandi McMillan - House of Charity

Bill and Sandi have volunteered at the House of Charity for over 20 years, and they were the first to return as soon as COVID-19 restrictions were eased. They show up every Tuesday to assist in the resource room and talk with patrons. Jay and Kay are active within the community and can offer valuable resources and knowledge to patrons in need. They make note of special resource requests and will hand-deliver these items to patrons within days. They're an essential part of the work done to serve patrons at HOC and have become an integral part of the HOC staff and community.

We are grateful for the support of our volunteers throughout Eastern Washington.
If you are interested in getting involved in your community, please visit
www.cceasternwa.org/volunteer.

Suzanne Abbot - Senior Services

Suzanne Abbot has been a volunteer with Senior Services for more than 5 years, accumulating over 1,600 hours of service through the program. She provides ride share services and will often drive five to six days a week, even in harsh weather conditions. She has shown infinite patience when client appointments run overtime. In recent years, Suzanne has gone from volunteering twice a week to twice a day. Her passion for the clients shines through, especially when a client with limited mobility needs assistance with grocery shopping. She assists her clients with walkers and various mobility tools and is always available for a senior in need.



Mary Siegal - Emergency Assistance

Mary Siegal volunteers with our emergency assistance program multiple times per week, helping to sort donations. Mary has been a faithful and committed volunteer with us for several years. She rolls up her sleeves and sorts the bins of donated items that come into us every week, finding the items that our clients and housing residents need and distributing the donations to our programs. She also organizes our donation room and fills the orders for homeless clients who visit and request immediate clothing needs at the main office.

Susan & Josephine - Walla Walla

Susan and Josephine are volunteers with our Volunteer Chore Services program in Walla Walla. Both have been volunteering for several years and help provide seniors in their community with support and essential needs through grocery delivery, light household chores, and rides to medical appointments. Susan and Josephine provide services to Catholic Charities Housing Communities and seniors in Walla Walla. Over the last two years, Susan and Josephine have remained constant in their dedication to serving those in need.



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Assumption School TP Drive

Assumption School hosted a toilet paper drive in February, helping to serve residents in need with essential home supplies. Their hard work resulted in a haul of over five car-loads full of donations that were distributed throughout our Donna Hanson Haven, Jacklin Family Haven and Gonzaga Family Haven properties! We are grateful for our youngest volunteers who do the work to support our residents who are transitioning into new homes in our Catholic Housing community.

Donation drives like these can make a huge difference in the lives of our residents. We are thankful to know that we have such thoughtful and determined volunteers and donors to make a difference in our work to serve the most vulnerable.

Cataldo Cleanup at Gonzaga Family Haven

Eighth graders at Cataldo Catholic school came together to support the Catholic Charities housing community during a Gonzaga Family Haven cleanup event this February. The event was organized by parents and students at Cataldo who wanted to help our Gonzaga Family Haven residents with a thorough "spring cleaning" of the property.

Kids scrubbed and cleaned the stairwells from the debris collected due to nearby construction, and they pulled weeds and cleaned flower beds in anticipation of the gardening season. We are grateful to our volunteers at Cataldo for coming up with a creative and fulfilling way to serve Haven families through this spring cleanup event.



2nd Harvest Mobile Market

Second Harvest Inland Northwest showed up for Gonzaga Family Haven residents to provide fresh and healthy food options through their Mobile Market initiative this January. The Second Harvest Mobile Market delivers nutritious food directly to the people who need it most. Their refrigerated bus can store enough grocery items to feed up to 75 families at one time. Volunteers set up shop and distributed groceries in just under 2 hours! Fresh flower bundles were gifted to moms and dads at the event as a special treat. Thank you, Second Harvest, for helping to solve hunger within our community!



Gala

Friday, May 13, 2022

Davenport Grand Hotel

333 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane WA 99201

We are back at the Davenport Grand in May 2022 for our annual Gala. This year we will celebrate the grand opening of our Gonzaga Family Haven property, home to 73 families experiencing homelessness. The property is uniquely suited to serve resident families in need and grant the tools that allow families to improve their lives, become successful, and break cycles of intergenerational poverty.

We invite you to join us for this year's event and celebrate the great work that we have been able to do with the continued support of this amazing community.

To purchase tickets for the Gala, please visit cceasternwa.org/gala

Community Volunteer Days!

Join us for events around the agency on our first Community Volunteer Day happening April 23. Visit cceasternwa.org/community or email volunteer@cceasternwa.org for more information.



Spring Yard Clean Up with Senior Services | 8:30 am-noon

Sign up to work as an individual, a family, or a group to rake, weed, and do general yard clean-up for low-income seniors and disabled adults in Spokane County.

We will meet in O'Malley Hall at St. Aloysius Church, 330 E. Boone, at 8:30 a.m. for coffee, muffins and yard assignments. Bring rakes and gloves if you have them!

Outdoor Beautification with House of Charity | 10 am-noon.

We need 5-10 volunteers to help spruce up the outdoor space at House of Charity for the spring. Masks will be required. We will meet at HOC, 32 W. Pacific Ave, at 10 am.

Greenhouse and Garden Bed Prep with Food For All | 10 am-noon.

We need 5-7 volunteers to help prepare the greenhouse and garden beds for planting at Bernadette's Place. We will meet at 820 N. Summit Blvd at 10 am.

Can't volunteer with us on April 23rd, but still want to help?

We are looking for donations to help with our Spring Cleaning needs. Please bring items like, organic or OMRI certified potting soil, organic or OMRI certified compost, hand trowels, hand rakes, gardening gloves to 12 E 5th Ave., Monday - Thursday 8 am - 5 pm.



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A Prayer for Peace

How do we pray for peace from half a world away?
How can words salve and soothe real wounds,
assuage real fears, Wipe tears from real eyes?
God of endless compassion, transform our prayers
from words into bridges, that span distances
between us, uniting our hearts in yours.

Every time we turn our keys in a lock,
may we remember all who are losing their homes.

Every time we step into our cars,
may we remember all who are having to flee.

Every time we embrace our children,
may we remember all who are trying to shield theirs from war.

May our besieged sisters and brothers
be drawn into the arms of the suffering Christ,
and may our cry be heard as one voice,
ringing out from every corner of earth:
God of endless mercy, grant us peace.

Amen.

~ Prayer from Cameron Bellm from Jesuits.org

