

FRIEND,

AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES, we are intentional about encounter, accompaniment and building relationships. If our values are the backbone of our work, and our mission is the muscle, then love must be the hands.

Love is how we start every day in this movement to improve lives, and it sets the tone for our interactions. In this issue of

Blessings, you will get a sense of a day in the life at Catholic Charities – a chronology of sorts that shows how relationships with our neighbors, volunteers and colleagues begin and grow.

Our love and compassion is boundless. Your generous sharing of your love and compassion has helped to shape these

days for all of us. Our accompaniment and relationship with each of you is vital to what you will see in these pages.

Thank you for being with us.



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William J. McCarthy, Jr.,
Executive Director

FALL 2019

BLESSINGS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CHERISHING THE DIVINE WITHIN ALL

Inspired by the Gospel mandates to LOVE, SERVE and TEACH, Catholic Charities provides care and services to IMPROVE the LIVES of Marylanders in need.

A day in the life of Catholic Charities



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joining Christopher Place, he started working with Amazon and is an avid runner. In 2018, he ran his first marathon.

5:30 a.m. Christopher Place Employment Academy

Michael Martin, from Christopher Place Employment Academy, enjoys an early morning run with Back on My Feet. "Running brings balance to my life and helps us (at Christopher Place) to form new connections," said Martin. Since



9:55 a.m. My Sister's Place Women's Center

Students celebrate their graduation from My Sister's Place's Women's Center's Learn-to-Earn with their instructor, Penny James. The 12-week program prepares the women for work in the culinary industry or administrative and clerical work.

6 a.m.

7 a.m.

8 a.m.

9 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Head Start of Baltimore City

Every morning, Charmaine Smith, a teacher in the Catholic Charities' Cherry Hill Head Start, teaches her children how to brush their teeth and wash their hands. Later, they sing, dance and share news in circle time!



Nearly 1,000 children participate in Head Start in Baltimore City and Harford and Carroll Counties. Families also benefit from our home base programs.



9:24 a.m. St. Ann Adult Day Services

"That's BINGO," said Cherie Melton (c), Director of St. Ann Adult Day Services, as she played games with participants. "Every day, our older adults benefit from socializing and planned activities. It keeps them connected and gives caregivers a break."

A day in the life of Catholic



For a person experiencing homelessness, days can be consumed by finding food, water, and warmth or cooling. Then come security and safety. Catholic Charities provides programs that can help people move beyond these struggles.



Photo courtesy of Fort Meade Soundoff!

10 a.m.

Our Daily Bread Employment Center

The center bustles with activity as diners form a line outside awaiting for the lunch service to begin at 10:30. Since 1981, the center has never missed a day of service. Every day, more than 700 individuals receive a hot lunch and in the early mornings, nearly 150 older adults and individuals with disabilities enjoy a hot breakfast.

1:27 p.m.

Sarah's House

Kianna Harris (l) enjoys visiting with her mentor and Sarah's House Case Manager Kelly Anderson. "Not once did I feel less-than or talked down to," said Harris, who lived at the family shelter. "Ms. Kelly always gave me the love I needed." Harris is now a homeowner with a college degree and job at the Department of Juvenile Services in St. Mary's County.

11:15 a.m.

My Sister's Place Women's Center

Parishioners from St. Ignatius in Baltimore serve lunch at My Sister's Place Women's Center every month. "We bring a homemade dessert to let them know they are valued and loved," said Susan Cashman (r), who worked with Linny Furst to top the pound cake with blueberries. "After serving, we leave with hope and respect for these women and their journey."



10 a.m.

11 a.m.

12 p.m.

1 p.m.



10:50 a.m.

Jenkins Senior Living Campus

Volunteers and residents attend a worship service.

12:19 p.m.

My Brother's Keeper

Ray Woodson, a therapist with My Brother's Keeper, helps a client cope and develop a game plan to improve his routine and achieve results.

For 30 years, My Brother's Keeper served the Irvington community of West Baltimore. In July 2018, it became a Catholic Charities program and expanded its service to offer lunch every day of the year. The center also offers medical services, behavioral health counseling and work readiness programs, according to Program Director Kevin Mason.



Valued volunteers take a break after serving lunch. "We rely heavily upon volunteers to assist our small team," said Mason.

1:45 p.m.

Caritas House Assisted Living

Let's dance! Older adults from Caritas House Assisted Living, a community at Jenkins Senior Living, enjoy dancing during a birthday celebration.



11:05 a.m.

Gallagher Services

"I am having the time of my life riding out here," said Ty Biggs (l), who receives support from Gallagher Services so he can live the life he chooses with his intellectual disability. Biggs was thrilled to ride the tandem bike along the NCR trail with Employment Specialist Ben Mortenson.



Later, Biggs and his friend Andrew Pace (l), also a participant of Gallagher Services, worked with Employment Specialist Hugh Downey (c) to build and paint flower boxes to sell. Gallagher Services works to engage participants in work and life opportunities.

Charities

3:35 p.m.
Trinity House | Senior Housing

Angela Callum (r), a staff member of Trinity House apartments in Towson, visits Iris Dallas, a resident. Dallas values the Congregate Housing Services Program which provides help with meals, housekeeping and laundry.



3:51 p.m.
St. Vincent's Villa and Villa Maria School

Carmen, a therapy dog from Paws4People, accompanies a child from St. Vincent's Villa on a doctor's appointment. According to Administrator Ezra Buchdahl, the dog calms nerves during medical procedures, therapy sessions or when children are preparing for a family visit. "Carmen brings joy, unconditional love and understanding to children and staff," added Buchdahl.



1:58 p.m.
Weinberg Housing and Resource Center

Barbara Flanagan (l) returns to the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center to visit with her former case manager,

Rozonia Bunch, who guided Flanagan through process of obtaining her own place. "Having my own place after being homeless for so long is the best feeling in the world," said Flanagan, a native of Cumberland, MD who lived at the shelter for two years.

5:15 p.m.
Christopher Place Employment Academy

With enthusiasm, Hadi Sadeghiasi (l) accepts his certificate from Case Manager Jerry Pryor for successfully completing the first three months in the residential employment academy.

"I wanted to work and take my life back," said Sadeghiasi. "This program has taught me to slow down and think before I act." Sadeghiasi now works cleaning floors at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Christopher Place Employment Academy is located at Our Daily Bread Employment Center and serves men who have spent time in prison or are experiencing substance use disorder and homelessness.



2 p.m.

3 p.m.

4 p.m.

5 p.m.

4:34 p.m.
Esperanza Center

Jerry Schreiber (l), a volunteer for the Esperanza Center's English language classes, reviews a student's homework. Since 1963, the Esperanza Center has served the immigrant population of Maryland. In the past year, the center assisted more than 11,000 immigrants with issues related to family reunification, language classes, legal services and medical care.



4:52 p.m.
Sarah's House

Volunteers from the Arundel Christian School bring joy to children of Sarah's House, Catholic Charities' family and emergency shelter in Anne Arundel County, by sponsoring carnival-like activities.



2:05 p.m.
St. Vincent's Villa

Emily (r), one of our St. Vincent's Villa residents and a gifted artist, shares her talent by teaching others how to draw animé.

St. Vincent's Villa Director of Residential and Behavioral Services Ray Wright walks to the art room with Emily (l) and volunteer mentor Kate Flowers.



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4:43 p.m.
St. Edward's Workforce Development Center

Taneshia Davis practices her skills at a Automotive Technician Training Program sponsored by St. Edward's Workforce Development Center and Vehicles for Change. Davis has recently been hired by Jiffy Lube.

“Community relations is at the core of what we do,” said Safe Streets Program Director Imhotep Fatiu. The program helps restore safety in neighborhoods and strengthen community bonds.



7:45 p.m.
Safe Streets

Taking a moment to pose for a photo before walking through the streets of Sandtown are Safe Streets Program Director Imhotep Fatiu (r) and Violence Interrupter Nicole Warren. Catholic Charities operates Safe Streets teams in Sandtown-Winchester and Brooklyn-Curtis Bay. The teams build rapport with members of the community – particularly young people – to diffuse situations that might otherwise lead to violence.

7 p.m.

8 p.m.

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10 p.m.



7:13 p.m.
Anna's House

Natasha Perry relaxes with her children at Anna's House, Catholic Charities' family shelter in Harford County. “I always felt welcomed and loved at Anna's House,” said Perry, who now works as a Program Assistant helping other families overcome unplanned barriers that may lead to homelessness.



9:20 p.m.
Weinberg Housing and Resource Center

Former Weinberg Housing and Resource Center resident Sheila Belton now volunteers to straighten the women's dorm in the evening. This emergency shelter serves more than 275 adult men and women every night of the year.

Join us for a *movement to love* An evening with Catholic Charities
 Tuesday, October 22, 2019
 6 – 9 p.m.
 The Hippodrome Theatre
 12 N. Eutaw Street
 Baltimore, MD 21201

HONOREES

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Heavy hors d'oeuvres – cocktails – dessert – free parking in the Grand Garage
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