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Faith

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- Provided **11,852** hours of Counseling to **868** people.
- Engaged **3,187** people in **8,223** hours of preventative services.



Deacon Ken is available Tuesdays and Fridays, at the Center for Hope, to provide spiritual guidance.

Compassion

Consider the relief your donation brings to someone experiencing homelessness or struggling to put food on the table. Your generosity can alleviate their burden and restore their hope for a better life.

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- Helped **326** returning citizens assimilate back into the community and provided **19,672** days in housing.
- Distributed **413,334** items of clothing through our Community Closets.
- Served **177,540** meals at our Center for Hope Soup Kitchen, North End Soup Kitchen and Owosso Food Pantry.
- Provided **6,995** overnight stays in our Warming Center.



Service

Your support has a ripple effect. It inspires others to follow your lead and contribute to causes they believe in, creating a collective force for positive change. Together, we create a community where faith and compassion prevail.

Last year...

- 8,686** volunteers donated **34,424** hours of service, including volunteers from more than **30** parishes from Genesee, Washtenaw and Oakland Counties

We recognized at our Volunteer Appreciation Awards

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Chair-ity Event 2023

Thursday, October 26, 2023
 The Newly Renovated Catholic Charities' Venue!
 St. Michael's Conference Center
 609 E 5th Ave, Flint, MI 48503

The evening will be filled with food, fun and all the feels! The spotlight will be trained on unique chairs designed and created by local artists and volunteers.

Get Your Tickets Now!

www.ccsgc.org/chair-ity

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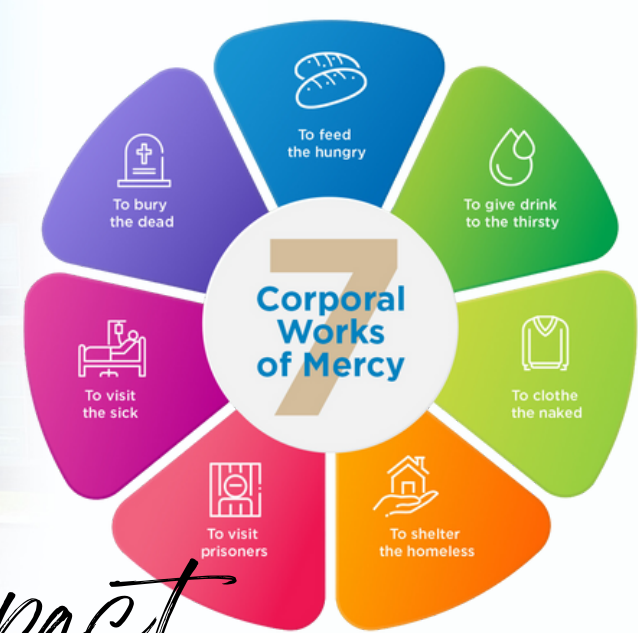
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Message from the President

I want to take a moment to wish you well and express my appreciation for your unwavering dedication and commitment to Catholic Charities. Whether you are a donor, volunteer, staff, or Board Member, it is your generosity in sharing the love of Christ, through the service of others, that is the driving force behind our success!

I can't believe it's been almost a year since I joined the Catholic Charities family! I was blessed to come at a time when so many projects were on the cusp of being realized. After more than four years of planning, our dream of creating a transitional tiny home village for homeless veterans is becoming a reality. In addition, over two years ago the final Mass was held at the beloved St. Michael's Catholic Church in Flint. We are excited to announce that renovations are almost complete and we will be opening St. Michael's Conference

Center next month. Of course we continue to serve individuals and families in need every day through our Soup Kitchens, Adoption & Foster Care, Counseling, Prevention, Housing, Offender Success and other Community Programs. It has been incredible to see God's hand in everything we do and how many donors and volunteers help us everyday to carry out the *Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy*. God is great indeed!

I am thankful to everyone, over the past 80 years, who has laid the foundation for Catholic Charities to serve our communities with love and compassion.

May God bless you abundantly,

Kath B..., President & CEO



Messages of Hope from Deacon Ken

To read the latest, scan the QR code or visit www.ccsgc.org/MessagesofHope



HAVE YOU HEARD THE BUZZ?

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we announce the plans for our **Sacred Heart Village**, a comprehensive transitional housing program for veterans. The program will engage participants for 1-3 years and will actively involve them in improving their mental, spiritual and physical health and well-being, substance abuse, financial literacy, education, community inclusion, increased natural supports, and employment.

The project will include a Community Center and 24 homes and is a transformative endeavor aimed at creating a positive impact on the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. We believe in empowering veterans by offering them a safe haven where they can regain independence, transition into permanent stable housing, and thrive once again.

We welcome community involvement!

For more information about how you can get involved visit: www.ccsgc.org/SacredHeartVillage



Veterans Appreciation Luncheon



Friday, November 10 at 12:00 pm
St. Michael Conference Center
609 E. Fifth Ave., Flint 48503
Please RSVP for this **FREE** event by **Nov. 6, 2023**



Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties

St. Michael's Conference Center

609 E 5th Ave, Flint, MI 48503 To book call 810-232-9950

St. Michael's Conference Center
Vendor Expo & Open House
November 1, 2023, 12-5pm
609 E Fifth Ave, Flint, MI 48503

Please Join Us!

We are excited to unveil this new venue, renovated by FUNchitecture and Lurvey Construction, providing a beautiful backdrop for your next event.

Contact information for booking:
ConferenceCenter@ccsgc.org
810-232-9950 ext. 111



WARMING CENTER OPENS

December 1, 2023 - April 1, 2024

Providing a safe, warm refuge for those who are experiencing homelessness or can't adequately heat their homes. We provide a supportive environment for those seeking not only shelter, but rest, access to blankets, a hot meal, clothing, showers, laundry and mail services.

WARMING CENTER BLESSING

Friday, December 8, 2023, 11:00 am

All are Welcome!

As we gather to bless the 2023-2024 warming Center season, we invite everyone to share in this time of prayer with our guests and staff, asking for God's abundant blessings, protection and mercy.

Center for Hope 812 Root Street, Flint

DON'T write me off!

I have the potential for greatness, but I need you to care about what happens to me.

Thinking about becoming a Foster Parent?

Informational sessions every Wednesday from 5 - 7pm
575 Louisa St., Flint, MI 48503
To register email GiveHope@ccsgc.org

In 2023, we have facilitated 20 adoptions and have provided safe homes to 76 children in foster care!



Christmas Gift Sign-up For kids 17 & under

North End Soup Kitchen
735 E. Stewart. Flint 48505
October 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
** One Week Only **
Time: 10am-1pm

Must have Your ID & All Kids ID or Birth Certificates (Medicaid cards not accepted)

Gifts Distributed - December 21 & 22



Questions? Call 810-785-6911

15th Annual

BLESSED TO BE A Blessing



Tuesday, November 21, 2023
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Center for Hope - 812 Root St., Flint
Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner
We would like to invite you to join us for Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings!
Sponsored by local businesses, coordinated by Well of Hope and hosted by Catholic Charities, it truly is a community celebration!



We're Trying Something *New!*

We work hard to ensure that every donation has the greatest possible impact on those we serve. Please return this to make a donation by check.

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