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Future home of Catholic Charities' Casa de Corazon

Gratitude for New Beginnings

Inspiring New Beginnings through Hope and a Helping Hand

Thoughts from our Executive Director, Jim Gannon

CORE VALUES

The principles that guide us and constitute what we believe

FAITH

Being an inter-faith community
Hoping for the things unseen
Believing with strong conviction

LOVE

A sense of underlying oneness
Manifesting charity

CARING

Compassion for all
Empathy for all

RESPECT

Dignity of others
The individuality of others
The uniqueness of others

INTEGRITY

Honesty
Transparency
Trustworthiness
Fairness

INCLUSIVITY

Openness
Diversity
Reconciliation of differences

COLLABORATION

Partnering with others
Seeking others with the abilities to find solutions

New beginnings are a trademark of the work done by Catholic Charities in our communities. In every Center there is opportunity to see “new beginnings” fostered and nurtured. For example, in our Center for Resettlement, someone may witness families who started out fleeing rockets and bombs now learning a new language, adjusting to a new culture, and learning that America is the home to opportunity, but not gold-paved roads.

In the Center for Educational Opportunity, we may meet a student who is tired of the limits that incomplete education has on their employment opportunities. These students sometimes forgo a meal and a night of TV for the rigors of classroom instruction and tutoring in the pursuit of knowledge – a path to growth, accomplishment, self-confidence and advancement.

In our Center for Self-Sufficiency, the family that has found a cot in a shelter, or huddled together at night in an automobile may welcome a new beginning as they turn the key for the first time on a door that gives way to

their apartment. They know that this new beginning did not come without strings attached, there is the case manager who will be coaching, urging and expecting that children go to school, and that parents get jobs, that positive family dynamics are re-established, and fractured relationships are healed. New beginnings come with new expectations and new obligations and family members are called on to do their part.

Through our Center for Community Involvement, a volunteer will experience a new beginning after retirement. Rather than their familiar office position, they will take on the task of helping a senior stay connected by providing a smile on a ride to an appointment. They might surrender writing computer code for pay to take on enhancing databases for case managers with far too large caseloads or help volunteer tracking and resettlement.

We pray that we inspire the individual to accomplish their new beginning on their own, with a helping hand. We ask for the right



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words of wisdom when the steepness of the climb threatens to become inconceivable.

We ask for the insight to show a fractured family the path to unity and mutual support. We harness knowledge, gained over years of study, professional development or, just simple commonsense to generate new beginnings. Other times we petition the Holy Spirit

to step in and renew a person's soul and fortitude to continue on the worthy path they choose or to inspire them to dust themselves off and begin again.

We are thankful to be facilitators of new beginnings, when able, for those motivated to begin anew, not just one time, but after a stumble as well.

A Reflection on New Beginnings

Thoughts from our Board Chair, Lori Muller



Autumn – my favorite time of year. This season is the most beautiful to me. Perfect weather; warm days and nights with a crisp cool breeze encouraging us all to leave our windows open and breathe fresh air as we look forward to a new day. In my life, autumn has been a time for new beginnings – first days of school with the promise of new friends, the State Fair kicking off social calendars and 22 years ago selecting a Saturday in September for my wedding.

At Catholic Charities, we are also grateful for new beginnings. Casa de Corazon now graces the South Valley skyline, adding to the beauty of Bridge Boulevard. Our old building is breathing sighs of relief that its mission is near an end, and welcomes its replacement while serving up some “tantrums”, telling us it is time to let it go.

We are in the final stages of the Capital Campaign for Casa de Corazon and expect to move in just in time for the holiday season! We are blessed to have the support of our community, including the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, our parishes and individuals of many faiths in this endeavor to help those in need and promote dignity for human lives. I especially want to recognize our hard-working Board of Directors, Capital Campaign Committee members, Building Committee members, and Finance Committee members for making this vision a reality.

New beginnings will continue as we expand our services. This is most evidenced by increased capacity in the Children's Learning Center, which will soon be able to care for infants – the very essence of a promising new human life beginning! Our Center for Educational Opportunity will have nice large and bright classrooms, and our Administrative Offices will finally be in the same building as our services, allowing our entire staff to directly interact with those we serve.

The final stages of the Capital Campaign, called “Finish and Furnish,” provides ample opportunities to contribute to a state-of-the art building for our community. If you are able to assist with “Finish and Furnish” phase of

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Lessons and Insights on Refugee Resettlement from Toronto

Reflections by Rev. Andrew J. Paviak, Pastor, San Felipe de Neri Church in Old Town Albuquerque

For four days near the end of August, a group of visitors from the USA were invited to a set of meetings hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto in Canada focused on refugee resettlement. The USA contingent included the Very Rev. John Daniel, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe (ASF), James Gannon, CEO, Catholic Charities ASF, Diana Leal, Case Manager Catholic Charities ASF, Dick Hogan United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Kristan Schlichte, Catholic Charities USA and myself. The purpose was truly meant to be a “fact-finding mission.” It was so much more than that when it was all done; it was one of those experiences that disturbs one’s soul to a deep place of movement.

Our hosts were primarily the members of the Office of Refugees for the Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT). Their leader, Dr. Martin Mark with his talented staff introduced us to the various offices within the Archdiocese of Toronto who deal with resettlement of refugees, whom they call, “Newcomers.” The ORAT staff also introduced us to other governmental-sponsored offices, two separate parishes and other individuals for whom the “Newcomer” ministry is truly a calling to which they have responded with open hearts and arms.

The days were filled with humbling stories of the people who have been welcomed to Canada at a time of great strife in their lives. One of the most touching experiences was when we were welcomed to a home set up by the people of the parish of St. Anthony of Padua in Brampton. This home is where a lovely family of eight from Africa has been living since their arrival to Canada in February. This family, prior to being welcomed as “Newcomers” to Canada spent SIXTEEN YEARS in a refugee camp hoping, praying and waiting to possibly get a new start in life that for many seemed just to be a sort of dream. The home was modest, clean, lovely and warm with the sounds of laughter, joy and hope. The father and mother were most welcoming AND honest about the sort of life they left behind in Africa. Clearly, this family had a great sense of God’s direction bringing them to this new land. The home was prepared by a resettlement group of parishioners of St. Anthony led by their coordinator and dynamic force named Paulin Murphy, Director of Social Ministries for the parish. Paulin was assisted by two lovely parish ladies (and LOTS of other volunteers) who prepare homes, often apartments or single family homes, with furniture, dishes, food and such for a family coming to resettle. The folks preparing these homes are not professional Social Workers. They are however, regular, caring parishioners who are responding to the call of Jesus, Our Holy Father Francis and the Bishops of our Church to welcome the stranger in our midst.

The greatest take away from our experience has been to share this story of hope; realizing the need to look at our own opportunities to assist with resettling our own “Newcomers,” and pray for refugees and those who might welcome them. We need to really challenge ourselves to see what we can do to respond to God’s call in our lives to embrace Matthew 25:40, “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

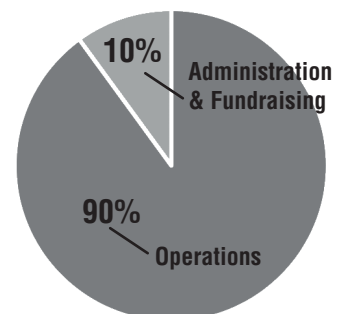


Front left to right: Rev. John Daniel, Ildy Sziladi, Luciano Moro, Jim Gannon, Dr. Kenneth Fung
Middle left to right: Kristan Schlichte, Dick Hogan, Diana Leal
Back left to right: Dr. Martin Mark, Rev. Andrew Pavlak, Fr., Fred Foley

Catholic Charities Statistics for 2015

- ❖ Senior Transportation Program 1,349 rides
- ❖ Housing Assistance 630 individuals and families
- ❖ Adult Education Programs..... 1,400 individuals served
- ❖ Adult Education Program Graduates 127 (2015-2016 fiscal year)
- ❖ Children’s Learning Center..... 43 enrolled
- ❖ Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)..... 610 cases processed
- ❖ Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) / U Visa Cases 25 new, 200 active cases
- ❖ Refugee Settlement & Support..... 152 served

2015 Operating Expenses



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Casa de Corazon, please contact Catholic Charities at 505.724.4670 and ask for Dolores Nunez, our Development Director. In closing, I offer this prayer:

*God of Love,
 You are with us in every transition and change.
 As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,
 we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.
 We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.
 We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.
 We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.
 Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.
 We ask this in your Holy Name. - Amen.*

-Joseph P. Shadle

Blessings, Lori Muller, Catholic Charities Board Chair

“For It Is In Giving That We Receive...” End of Year Giving Ideas:

Fall is a transition time for Catholic Charities and as we move toward our holiday giving season, we are presented with opportunities to multiply your generous gifts.

For a SHORT TIME -- multiply your contribution to our Capital Campaign!

We are in the final stretch of our Capital Campaign to raise funds for a beautiful new human services center in Albuquerque’s South Valley, *Casa De Corazon*.

A generous donor family has issued the following matching gift challenge for donations received by 12/31/16: They will match \$2 for every \$1 received by NEW donors to the Capital Campaign. They will match \$1 for every \$1 received by existing donors to the Capital Campaign. As such, **existing donor’s gifts are doubled and new donor’s gifts are tripled!!!**



The Saint Nicholas Ball was voted BEST Charity Ball/Gala in

the ABQ Journal’s Readers Choice Poll! It’s no wonder tickets are selling fast. This year’s ball will feature dinner, Silent and Live Auctions and entertainment by the PINK FLAMINGOS. Tickets are \$150 each. Table sponsorships are also available



To purchase tickets, contact Jess Jungwirth in Development at 724-4637 or e-mail development@ccasfnm.org

- **Donate a Vehicle**

Whether it’s a clunker or a car good running order, Catholic Charities is able to accept vehicle donations of many kinds. Call 724-4674 to arrange a FREE pick-up.

- **Donate while you shop!**

From groceries to Christmas giving, keep us in mind as you do your shopping! Look for giving options through Smiths, Amazon, and Albertsons

- **Employer Matches**

Are you fully utilizing your employer’s gift matching program? Our Development office is available to answer questions you have about leveraging what’s available to you through your employer. Contact us today!

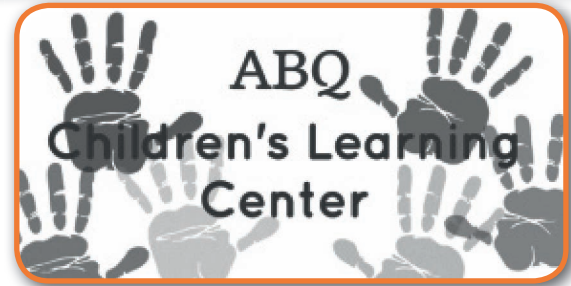
- **Donate household items and furnishings**

Our In-Kind Donation Center is always seeking gently used household items and furnishings for apartments and living spaces for our refugee and housing clients. We are especially in need of the following items:

- Gently used beds
- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Lamps
- Dressers
- Working Computers

Call to schedule a FREE pick-up of your donation today! 724-4678

Exciting Developments in the Children's Learning Center!



Introducing Infant Care in 2017

Upon completion of the new Children's Learning Center at Casa De Corazon we will be expanding our services for INFANTS as young as 6 weeks old and will be able to serve more than 2x the number of children! The beautiful new space features an 800 sq. ft. full-service kitchen, 8 new classrooms, and a newly installed playground thanks to a grant from kaBOOM! and Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico. In addition to the new facility, our Children's Learning Center is 5-star accredited and very affordable thanks to the generosity of our donors.

If your family or someone you know is in need of high-quality, affordable childcare we are enrolling now – contact 505- 224-4901 for more information.

Visit our NEW Children's Learning Center website:

www.childrenslearningcenterabq.org

Learn more about the Children's Learning Center's programs and services its new website!



Meet Paola Castillo, the new Director of the Children's Learning Center

Paola joined Catholic Charities in September 2016 to lead the Children's Learning Center as it grows and expands. She is fluent in Spanish and English and has worked in childcare centers throughout the region. Paola has a Bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico in Family Studies. Welcome, Paola!

Attention Volunteers: we need YOUR help to build a BRAND-NEW Playground at Casa De Corazon!

This coming Saturday, October 29th we will need as many as 200 volunteers to assemble and install the playground equipment for the Children's Learning Center! Made possible through a grant with KaBOOM! and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico, this playground equipment will provide play space for children ages 2 to 5, as well as provide a separate space for toddler play. With shade structures, a slide, wee-saw and spring toys, there's something for all of the children we serve regardless of age or ability. Plus, this design was collaboratively developed with help from parents in the Children's Learning Center and community members. Thank you to all who participated! Contact Cathy Aragon-Marquez to get involved: 505-724-4634.



Matthew 25 Giving Society Awards Reception

Catholic Charities' Matthew 25 Giving Society collaborates with faithful partners to create hope, helping to transform the lives of those in need. These individuals and organizations gave of their time and talent, and share a common belief in the responsibility to be of service to their neighbor. This collaboration furthers Catholic Charities' mission to create hope for those in need by promoting self-sufficiency, strengthening families, fighting poverty and building community.

Ten individuals or organizations were recognized for their desire to give selflessly so that others may have hope. Catholic Charities is grateful and blessed by their kind and generous commitment to helping those in need.

The ***Hands of the Holy Spirit Award*** honors faithful partners who go beyond what was expected, doing so without seeking acknowledgement of their activities. This year's recipients include the following Institutes of Religious Women in Albuquerque: **Canossian Daughters of Charity, Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati and Felician Franciscan Sisters.**

The ***Simon of Cyrene Award*** represents the assistance Simon of Cyrene provided to Jesus by carrying the cross after He fell on the road to His crucifixion. This award recognizes individuals who have helped Catholic Charities by carrying some of the burdens faced in providing assistance to those in need. Seven recipients representing our six Centers of Excellence at Catholic Charities' and the work to complete Casa de Corazon, the new service center of Catholic Charities includes: **Mrs. Vianey Miramontes de Duarte**, nominated by the Children's Learning Center; **Tino Zamora, Program Development & Grant Administrator at Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce**, nominated by the Center for Education Opportunity; **Dr. Derek Lines, DDS**, nominated by the Center for Refugee Settlement and Support; **Dagmar H. Nelson, Property Manager at White Oak Apartments**, nominated by the Center for Self-Sufficiency / Housing Assistance; **Brenda Morales, Case Manager at Enlace Comunitario**, nominated by the Center for Immigration and Citizenship Support; **John Cunningham, volunteer**, nominated by the Center for Community Involvement; **Mike Guterrez, Project Supervisor Bradbury-Stamm Construction**, nominated by Jim Gannon, Catholic Charities CEO/Executive Director

These individuals allowed the Holy Spirit to use their hands for charity. Catholic Charities is grateful and blessed by their kind and generous commitment to helping those in need.

We would like to thank Admiral Beverage Company for their generosity in hosting our event and providing a wonderful venue for us to enjoy a seminar on the history of beer and it's relation to the Catholic Church.

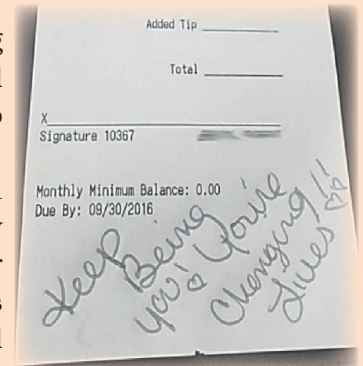


Inspiration from our Community

– From Kathy Freeze, Center for Community Involvement

One of our Thursday morning volunteers from the In-Kind Donation Center, Gloria, shared this story with us:

On Friday morning, she had just finished a yoga class and was having breakfast with a friend. They talked about their plans and Gloria shared that she couldn't attend a Thursday morning function because she had to report to "her boss" at Catholic Charities to volunteer and setup apartments. The waitress overheard the conversation and interjected "Did you say you work at Catholic Charities? You guys saved me and my kids!" Gloria quickly became emotional with the reality that her work in the donation center sorting, making calls, helping with reports and pulling items for apartments actually helped the person standing right in front of her. When she received her credit card receipt, on the bottom was written "Keep being you! You're changing lives!"



Volunteer Profile:

Senior Transportation Services: Proud to be a Driver

By Isabella Estrada, Volunteer Driver, Center for Community Involvement

I began driving for Catholic Charities Senior Transportation Services last summer and I am so happy that I decided to be involved in this particular service. Many times our elderly population is forgotten or pushed aside in a time in their lives that they need the most help. This is a sad but harsh reality in our country today. This is why I wanted to be a part of this particular service; I watched my grandparents grow to a ripe old age and helped them when I could, and I treat all my riders as my own grandparents, helping them with rides when I can.

One woman in particular that I just love giving rides to is Ms. Figg. Ms. Figg is a spunky lady who is not afraid to speak her mind. Every time I pick her up for her various appointments she walks out of her house with the biggest smile on her face. This in turn lights up my mood and turns my whole day around. There is never a dull moment when this woman is in my car. She makes me laugh with her stories and makes me proud to know I am helping a person in need.

Ms. Figg is not the only person who has touched my heart while volunteering for Catholic Charities, but all of the seniors whom I give rides to have given me knowledge and perspective that are priceless. I know that what I am doing may not seem like much, but without these rides, these seniors would not be able to make their doctors' appointments or be able to go grocery shopping. We all need help in life, especially our elderly, and what better way to give back to the community than by helping those who have shaped our community and have made it what it is today. This is my thanks to them, and am so proud to be a senior transportation driver.



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Our volunteer-base of over 300 individuals helps make our programs possible!
From the senior transportation program, to our in-kind donation center,
to the St. Nicholas Ball, the time and talents of our amazing
volunteers are what set our services apart.

*To find out more, contact our volunteer coordinator,
Cathy Aragon-Marquez at 724-4634*

You are invited ...

Mobile Food Pantry

Numbers will be distributed to the first 125 families the morning of the Mobile Food Pantry at the church.

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Catholic Charities, Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
CRS Rice Bowl, St. Francis Xavier Parish,
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Dates: Oct 21st
Nov 18th
Dec 16th

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: St. Francis Xavier
(820 Broadway SE)

Please Bring: Boxes or cloth bags to hold your food