

## Journey of Hope

Catholic Charities' Community Services offers immigrants new path.

In 2004, 10-year old Adan Pacheco took an unforgettable journey. Over the course of five days and nights, he and his mother walked from Mexico to Arizona, each carrying a 50-pound backpack and four gallons of water. Despite being led by a guide, they encountered challenges along the path, including armed civilians attempting to bar their way.

On the second night, Adan was so exhausted he actually fell asleep while walking and in the darkness, stumbled into a large cactus, piercing the skin covering his knee. His mother was faced with a choice: stay behind with her son, facing unknown dangers or keep walking. So, she asked the guide to treat his wounds and then she helped him to his feet so they could continue their march to a new life.

### A SURVIVAL TEST

Not everyone in Adan's group of 18 travellers survived the journey to Arizona. Along the way, a young woman was felled by a fatal snake bite. She was accompanied by her husband; the two had married just



weeks earlier and had planned to start a new life in the United States together. He refused to leave her side and before succumbing to dehydration, he turned to Adan and whispered, "Here, take my water, I won't need it."

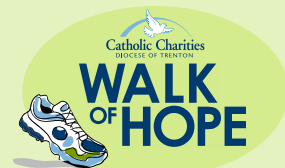
Once they arrived in Arizona, Adan and his mother boarded a crowded minivan and headed to New Jersey to reunite with his father and sister in Freehold. Adan had been told that he would be one of very few Mexicans to arrive in the U.S., but quickly learned this was a falsehood. He enrolled in the local elementary school

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## JOIN ADAN AT THE 2015 WALK OF HOPE!

Adan was just chosen to be this year's honored walker at the Walk of Hope. Come walk along with Adan and celebrate his journey.

For more information on the Walk of Hope, see back cover or visit [walkofhopenj.org](http://walkofhopenj.org).



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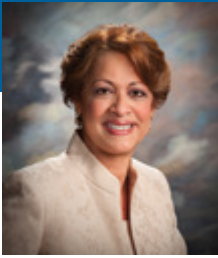
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from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Like many of you, I will be busy preparing for holidays. But

for those experiencing struggles, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time and they may be feeling more alone than ever.

Recently, Pope Francis comforted a boy who said he faced difficulties and grappled with doubt. “What can you say to help me and others like me?” he asked the Pope. The life of faith is a journey, Francis answered.

*“Journeying is precisely the art of looking toward the horizon, thinking where I want to go but also enduring the fatigue of the journey, which is sometimes difficult. ... Don’t be afraid of failures. Don’t be afraid of falling. What matters in the art of journeying isn’t not falling but not staying down. Get up right away and continue going forward. But*

*also, it’s bad walking alone: It’s bad and boring. Walking in community, with friends, with those who love us, that helps us. It helps us to arrive at where we’re supposed to arrive.”*

Reading about Adan’s journey (cover story), I couldn’t help but think of the Pope’s description of faith as a journey. Thus, Adan has been selected as the honored walker at this year’s Walk of Hope. Since walking alone is no fun, please join Adan and our community of caregivers to walk together on March 28, 2015!

Until then, I wish you all the warmest and most joyful of holidays. Sincerely,

**Marlene Laó-Collins**  
Executive Director



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where due to a language barrier he encountered a rocky start. His perseverance and instruction provided by an English as a Second Language (ESL) class helped Adan reach fluency in English fairly quickly, though.

him. In high school, he worked as a landscaper, figuring it would lead to a full-time job after graduation. But everything changed with the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act (DACA). With the assistance and encouragement

at Brookdale Community College and hopes that Comprehensive Immigration Reform will pass — making his temporary solution a permanent path to citizenship. He plans to transfer to Rutgers or NYU to study Linguistics and hopes to work for the United Nations.

*“As an immigrant who endured and overcame many barriers himself, Adan is a great source of inspiration to others.”*

— Carmen Pagan, Program Director, Ocean Community Services

### **ADAPTING AND ADVANCING**

Adan was able to assist his parents as an interpreter and even earned recognition as one of his school’s top students by the end of fifth grade. He continued to succeed in school, but never dreamed that college would be an option for

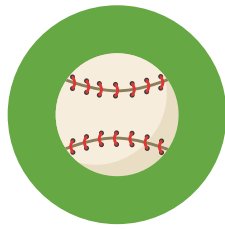
of Catholic Charities’ Ocean Community Services staff, Adan applied for DACA and was awarded work authorization and certification, opening up the door to a college education and the ability to work to pay for his education.

Adan is now in his third year

### **HELPING OTHERS**

Presently, Adan enjoys his work at Community Services as a part-time Case Aide, where he has already boosted enrollment in an ESL health literacy class and plans to start a new program geared to coaching teens in study skills, college preparation, interview skills and job training. According to Lisha Loo-Morgan, Immigration Services Case Manager, “The very first time I met Adan in our office, I knew he was someone who would excel and get ahead.” She and





## CATHOLIC CHARITIES STAFF ENJOY A WELL-DESERVED OUTING

In September, nearly 300 staff members from Catholic Charities came together for an Employee Picnic held at Liberty Lakes in Bordentown, NJ.

The event allowed staff from all programs to come together while enjoying a BBQ picnic lunch.

Highlights of the day included softball games, paddle boat rides, miniature golf and dancing! Some even used the afternoon to squeeze in a little fishing or simply relaxed by the lake.



Carmen Pagan, Ocean Community Services Program Director, agreed that Adan was highly determined, intelligent and compassionate, so when a part-time position opened up, hiring him was a no-brainer. “I saw how patient and caring Adan was when helping others new to our community,” says Pagan. “He served as his parents’ interpreter, so helping others just came naturally to him. And, as an immigrant who endured and overcame many barriers himself, Adan is a great source of inspiration to others.”

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about Immigration Services, offered through Community Services, contact Carmen Pagan at 732-901-3261, or [cpagan@cctrenton.org](mailto:cpagan@cctrenton.org).

► Pictured (l to r): Lisha Loo-Morgan, Ocean Community Services meets with new U.S. citizen Antonila Lopez.

## A GRATEFUL GRANDMOTHER

Antonila Lopez followed a different path to U.S. citizenship than the one taken by Adan. Having lived and worked in the U.S. for two decades, Antonila was qualified for citizenship but instead of opting for that seemingly lofty and unlikely goal, she came to Community Services to renew her Green Card. “I explained to Antonila that it was costlier for her to renew her Green Card status than to apply for citizenship,” recounted Lisha Loo-Morgan, Immigration Services Case Manager.

Initially, Antonila was cautious and hesitant to apply, but with a little coaching and support from Loo-Morgan, Antonila breezed through the citizenship exam

and is now a proud and grateful U.S. citizen. Like many, she is eager to give back as a way of expressing appreciation to her new country. “The best thing about being an American citizen is being able to serve this country,” says Antonila. She proudly states that her oldest granddaughter is also a U.S. citizen and that she has encouraged many friends and relatives to pursue a better life here through citizenship.







## CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Light up a child's face this holiday!

Community Services will hold its annual Christmas Toy Drive to help local families. Items for infants, toddlers, "tweens" and gift cards are most in need.

For a complete list of items needed, or for more information, contact the program in the county you wish to donate.

Donations of unwrapped toys\* or other gift items can be dropped off at any of the following locations from **December 1 to 19**.

### BURLINGTON COUNTY

801 Burlington Avenue, Delanco  
856-764-6940 x6111  
(drop off Monday through Friday, between 9 AM and 4 PM)

### MERCER COUNTY

132 N. Warren Street, Trenton  
609-394-8847  
(drop off Monday through Friday, between 1 and 3 PM)

### OCEAN COUNTY

200 Monmouth Avenue, Lakewood  
732-363-5322  
(drop off Monday through Friday, between 9 AM and 4 PM)

\*We request non-violent toys only.

## Notre Dame Students Offer Support

A group of Notre Dame students recently provided much-needed help to Catholic Charities' Community Services, sorting and organizing clothing and household furnishing donations at the downtown Trenton program. "We are so busy that these donations were piling up and we just didn't have the resources to organize them," explains Talaya Woodall, Community Services Case Manager. "The students' help is greatly appreciated. Now we'll be able to more efficiently assist families who need clothing or those who need household items such as a coffee maker."

The students were accompanied by their religion teacher, Anthony Martini (*pictured above, far right*) who worked with the group to separate, fold and organize children's clothing donations. "Several times each school year I encourage my students to observe Spirituality Day by offering service to a local charity organization," says Martini. "We get out at least six times a year — usually organized by class year."



## Pedaling for a Cause

Congratulations to Barbara Clancey, Program Director of Community Services, for her participation in this year's Battle Against Hunger bike ride from Gettysburg to Washington Crossing State Park. Barbara pedaled nearly 200 miles before severe thunderstorms forced her to stop. She raised \$6,000 to directly benefit Community Services' food pantries.

Special thanks to Investors Bank; Wally Loza, Chair of the Burlington County Board Chair; and Louise Loza, member of the Burlington County Board, for their generous donations.

Pictured at right: Barbara Clancey (*second from right*) presents a certificate of gratitude to Mae Heminway, Burlington County Board member and Investors Bank representative. Also present are Linda Martin and Michael Smith from Investors Bank.



## GRANTS BENEFIT PROJECT HOPE

The **Church and Dwight Employee Giving Fund** has generously awarded \$11,000 for Mercer Community Services' Project Hope Program. Project Hope offers low-income families and individuals opportunities to develop assets and resources needed to achieve an improved, sustainable quality of life.



This grant will fund Project Hope's Workforce Development component which maximizes the likelihood of Mercer County residents who

participate in the program of getting a job, maintaining employment and increasing skills, opportunities and income. Plans are underway for the first workshop to be offered at the end of January 2015. The workshop focuses on helping participants develop knowledge and skills necessary for creating effective resumes, preparing for job interviews and securing job opportunities.

The **NJM Insurance Group** also awarded \$2,500 to the Project Hope Program. This grant funded driver's education workshops that help program participants prepare for the written test and obtain a learner's permit — making it easier for participants to attend appointments and run errands, and also increase access to jobs or schooling inaccessible without a car. More than 30 people attended the classes, which were held over a six-week period at the Mercer Community Services location in Trenton. Additional workshops will be offered in 2015.



## Embracing Compassion

Catholic Charities addresses need for Trauma Informed Care.

A cross section of leaders from across the agency recently had the opportunity to hear about the Sanctuary Institute during a lunchtime presentation and discussion. "Sanctuary" is a trauma informed approach to work with vulnerable adults, children and families. Some programs of the agency are already using evidence-based trauma programs, but this particular model would be agency wide. The Sanctuary Institute provides training in how to implement this model, and the Leadership Team will be discussing next steps. Our new vision points us to consider this endeavor seriously as we embrace a compassionate approach to individuals and families impacted by trauma and adversity.



▲ Pictured (l to r): Harry Postel, Catholic Charities Associate Executive Director of Operations; Jaye Holly, Faculty Consultant for the Sanctuary Institute; Marlene Laó-Collins, Catholic Charities Executive Director; Sarah Yanosy, Director of the Sanctuary Institute; and Ron Gering, Director, Catholic Charities Children and Family Services.

## WHAT IS TRAUMA INFORMED CARE?

According to the National Center for Trauma Informed Care (NCTIC), trauma informed care is an approach to engaging people with histories of trauma that recognizes the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledges the role that trauma played in their lives.

A traumatic event can involve interpersonal events such as physical, emotional or sexual abuse, war, community violence, neglect, maltreatment, loss of a caregiver/loved one, natural disasters, terrorism, witnessing violence or experiencing trauma vicariously. It can also result from chronic adversity; chronic, severe or life threatening injuries, illness and accidents.



## Event Raises Support for Victims

The Taste of Burlington County celebrates 20 years.

The 20th Annual Taste of Burlington County raised more than \$50,000 to benefit Providence House Domestic Violence Services of Catholic Charities. Nearly 450 guests attended the event at The Merion in Cinnaminson, which featured a gift auction of more than 120 baskets and food tastings by more than 20 local restaurants, including veteran participants Cathy's Catering of Palmyra (celebrating 19 years) and Holiday Ice Cream & Café (celebrating 20 years) and several first time participants.

Many thanks to the event sponsors, donors, volunteers and planning committee members who helped make the night a huge success. And a special thanks to Jennifer Lynn DeCillis, Miss New Jersey United States 2014, for attending and emceeding the gift auction portion of the event.



▲ Jennifer Lynn DeCillis, Miss New Jersey, with Ron Gering, Director, Children and Family Services and Mary Pettrow, Associate Director, PHDVS.



◀ Cathy's Catering of Palmyra.



### DID YOU KNOW?

When The Taste of Burlington County first began 20 years ago, it raised approximately \$10,000 and was held at the Rancocas Inn in Mt. Laurel with 10 participating restaurants and about 200 guests.

Lorraine Earley, who passed away in 2012, was the brainchild of the event, however three founding members still serve on the committee today — Betty Jean Byrnes (*second from left*), Rosemary Knicley (*far right*) and Cathy Southwick (*center*), as well as two individuals that joined just a year later — Betty Hausle (*second from right*) and Doris Shaner (*far left*).



**Providence House is currently accepting holiday gifts for children, teens and mothers. Gift cards are also welcomed.**

For a complete list of items needed, or for more information, contact the program in the county you wish to donate. Donations will be accepted until **December 12** at the following locations:

#### **Burlington County:**

Outreach Counseling Center  
950A Chester Avenue, Suite 20, Delran  
856-824-0599  
(drop off Monday to Friday, 9 AM and 4 PM)

#### **Ocean County:**

Outreach Counseling Center  
88 Schoolhouse Road, Suite 1, Whiting  
732-350-2120  
(drop off Monday to Friday, 9 AM and 4 PM)

## VIRTUA FOUNDATION MAKES LIFE-SAVING DONATION TO PHDVS

In the event of a cardiac arrest, mere minutes can make a difference between life and death. Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are crucial medical devices that allow life-saving care to be administered almost immediately.

Thanks to donors, Virtua Foundation has been able to provide AEDs to South Jersey organizations and businesses in need. Through the efforts of Phyllis Worrell, an Emergency Management Coordinator at Virtua, the Foundation recently gave an AED to PHDVS.



▲ Pictured (l to r): Paul Sarnese from Virtua; Mary Pettrow, Associate Director, PHDVS; Phyllis Worrell from Virtua; and PHDVS supporter John Lyons from Title Resource Group (TRG).

“For our clients, this is often a high stress situation and we see a lot of health issues,” says Mary Pettrow, PHDVS Associate Director. “This has been on our wish list for a long time, but isn’t something we have the funds for. The AED makes us better equipped to make sure we can take care of everyone that comes here.”

## PALS PROGRAM CELEBRATES THE FALL

PHDVS’ PALS (*Peace: A Learned Solution*) Program in Burlington County organized a Fall Harvest Party for its participants. The children and their families enjoyed a hayride to the pumpkin patch where they each picked their own pumpkin before returning to the counseling center for pizza and ice cream. The PALS program staff (*pictured at right*) offer creative arts therapies to children who have witnessed violence in the home.



## State Helps PHDVS Keep the Lights On

After the destruction of Superstorm Sandy in 2012, many domestic violence shelters in New Jersey — including the PHDVS Safe House in Ocean County — lost power and their efforts to help families seeking refuge from domestic violence were disrupted greatly.

To help prevent this from happening again, New Jersey Department of Children and Families Commissioner Allison Blake recently made an announcement during a visit to PHDVS that the Christie administration will be providing more than \$274,000 in grants to domestic violence shelters for emergency power generators.

Commissioner Blake says it is necessary to keep shelters like Providence House open at all times. “It is heartbreaking to imagine someone escaping a violent relationship and finding the shelter they were relying on closed due to a temporary power outage,” she says.

Catholic Charities is one of seven organizations receiving the grant to help domestic violence victims with its Safe Houses in Ocean and Burlington counties on the list. Due to the addition of these generators, PHDVS will now be better prepared to help victims of domestic violence during any future natural disasters.

▲ Pictured above (l to r): LaTasha Holmes, Special Assistant to the Commissioner/Long Term Recovery Coordinator; Ron Gering, Director, Children and Family Services, Catholic Charities; Marlene Laó-Collins, Executive Director, Catholic Charities; Jacqueline Sanchez-Perez, Deputy Director, Division on Women; Mary Pettrow, PHDVS Associate Director; Margaret T. Daniels, Division on Women; Allison Blake, NJ Department of Children and Families Commissioner; Charmaine Thomas, Assistance Commissioner, Family & Community Partnership and Division on Women; Mark Donlon, Division on Women.





## Governor Announces NJ Addiction Task Force

This fall, Governor Chris Christie visited Catholic Charities' Behavioral Health Services campus to make the announcement and took time to visit with staff and consumers.

Governor Chris Christie announced the formation of a new task force to carry out addiction prevention and treatment initiatives at a press conference held this fall at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton.

He made the announcement and introduced the Task Force members after spending nearly an hour talking with staff and consumers at Catholic Charities' Project Free program. "Tonight when you go home, you tell your kids that they should be proud of you, your recovery is an inspiration to me and will be to so many others looking to change their lives," Gov. Christie said to three women who credit their recovery to Project Free.

▲ Pictured above left: Governor Christie speaks at the press conference at Catholic Charities' Clinton Street campus.

▲ Pictured above right: Governor Christie (center) with Project Free consumers Kathleen (fourth from left), Anita (third from right), Crystal (far right) alongside Catholic Charities leadership and Project Free staff.

▼ Pictured below: Journalist L.A. Parker meets with Marlene Laó-Collins to discuss his recovery journey.

### LOCAL JOURNALIST OFFERS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON ADDICTION

At the Governor's press conference, scores of journalists asked questions regarding the new initiative. However, one reporter listened quietly and left the press conference without asking any questions of the Governor. The story he eventually wrote would be unlike any others offering coverage and analysis of this new statewide effort to prevent and treat addiction.

L.A. Parker, columnist for *The Trentonian*, started his commentary this way\*:

*"Many decades before Gov. Chris Christie assembled his Facing Addiction Task Force, announced Thursday during a press conference at Catholic Charities in Trenton, counselors at this 100-year old organization had pulled many from the depths of despair.*

*"While Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, rehabilitation centers and thousands of recovery meeting places play a substantial role in arresting addiction, Catholic Charities saved my life.*



*When my addiction consumed me decades ago, a weekly group meeting at Catholic Charities, plus, individual counseling, offered rescue, salvation, and a restart."*

Read L.A. Parker's entire commentary by visiting the "News" section at [catholiccharitiestrenton.org](http://catholiccharitiestrenton.org).

\*Excerpt reprinted courtesy of L.A. Parker and *The Trentonian*, October 12, 2014.



## IN MEMORY OF DAVID SOTO Longtime Partners in Recovery Employee

*This informal memorial was composed by Karalee Pieluc, Associate Director for Mercer County Behavioral Services:*

Catholic Charities recently lost a valued member of our team. David Soto, our long time receptionist at Partners In Recovery passed away.

David had been with Catholic Charities for many years, and played an integral role in the Partners' team. He often came across as tough and grumpy, but underneath all that he was a caring and compassionate man.



He truly embraced the mission of our organization, and touched the hearts of many who participated in or worked at our programs. He often played music (loudly!) in our lobby, which brought joy to many, and on birthdays, he always chose the song that was just right to blast over the PA system.

Over the past year, David had experienced the loss of his mom, and his beloved cat. Throughout this, his health declined. Sadly, his heart finally gave out, and he left us to return to God and those that he loved who had passed before. You are in our hearts and our prayers, David. God Bless.

Now, as I remember so well, in David's best Elvis impersonation, "Thank you. Thank you very much."

## Enhancing Access to Care



The Access Center — now known as the Access Help & Information (AHI) Center — is optimizing the way they help consumers. The AHI Center is focusing on answering calls with a live person instead of recordings, transferring people directly to a program that could help, and offering help in both English and Spanish.

A review of calls to the AHI Center over a period of time helped to identify and categorize the types of calls coming in and how to start better handling them. Another review will be conducted after a trial period to assess how effective the changes have been and to determine what else can be done to make the AHI Center even more helpful.

The changes implemented at the AHI Center were recommendations from the "No Wrong Door" work group composed of staff from various programs throughout Catholic Charities. This group will study and recommend other changes throughout the agency to allow consumers to get the help they need no matter which "door" they initially entered. Even if Catholic Charities doesn't offer a program that meets the caller's needs, he/she will still leave with information for other providers that may be able to help.

AHI Center staff go above and beyond to help callers with any number of things. Staff aim to set up appointments if needed during that initial call or transfer the call to someone within the agency who can answer their questions directly. The agency's relatively new VOIP phone system also allows all Catholic Charities programs to be easily connected and to transfer calls seamlessly to minimize caller frustration.

## What Is Planned Giving?

Planned giving is finding ways to make charitable gifts now or after your lifetime while enjoying financial benefits for yourself. Planned gifts are sometimes referred to as "stop-and-think" gifts because they require some planning and, often, help from your professional advisors.

Unlike cash donations, they are typically made from assets in your estate rather than disposable income, and come to fruition upon your death. Depending on the type of your gift, you can:

- Secure a retirement income for yourself and/or your loved ones.
- Provide for your heirs.
- Receive income or estate tax deductions.
- Ensure the future of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton.

A misconception is that planned giving is only for the wealthy. The truth is, even people of modest means can make a difference through planned giving.

**TO LEARN HOW you can support Catholic Charities' mission while ensuring your family's financial security, contact Nancy Tompkins at 609-394-5181 x1161, or [ntompkins@cctrenton.org](mailto:ntompkins@cctrenton.org).**

# 25th Annual Guardian Angel Dinner Dance



Marlene Laó-Collins, executive director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, announced that the 25th Annual Guardian Angel Dinner Dance held at the Hyatt Regency Princeton in September was an extraordinary success. More than 450 attended the dinner dance that generated \$220,000 in operating funds for Catholic Charities.

“Our event was a great opportunity for us to tell the story of the transforming impact Catholic Charities makes in our community for children, youth and adults. Our mission is inspired by the Gospel and I firmly believe we are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ reaching out to those most in need. It is through the generous support of our donors and volunteers that we are able to make this difference. We were so proud to honor the award recipients and a special thank you to all our sponsors. We are grateful to all who joined us and in particular to Bishop O’Connell for his support,” says Laó-Collins.



## Making Friends and a Difference

Consider joining one of Catholic Charities’ County Boards.

We need people like you to join one of our four county boards in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth or Ocean counties. Help coordinate events, plan food drives, and raise community awareness of Catholic Charities. There is something for everyone and all are welcome! No direct fundraising experience required.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about joining a County Board, contact Nancy Tompkins at 609-394-5181 x1161, or [ntompkins@cctrenton.org](mailto:ntompkins@cctrenton.org).



# Investors Bank Makes Two-Year Commitment

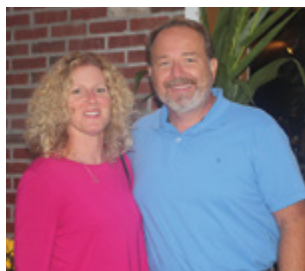
Catholic Charities recently received a two-year commitment of a \$50,000 donation from Investors Bank. Kevin Cummings, President and Chief Executive Officer of Investors Bank, says that “Investors wants to be a different kind of bank, one that truly serves the community and empowers its employees to get involved.”



Familiar with Catholic Charities through his long-time friendship with Board of Trustees Chair, Peter Inverso, Cummings says that since 2006, the Investors Community Foundation has donated approximately \$12 million to local philanthropic causes.

Investors Bank was the Silver Anniversary Sponsor at this year’s Guardian Angel Dinner Dance and will again sponsor the event in 2015 along with being the Event Sponsor at the 2015 Walk of Hope (*see back cover for details*). In addition, the generous donation will also contribute to the 2014 and 2015 Circle of Friends Annual Major Gifts Campaign.

## OKTOBERFEST EVENT A SUCCESS FOR MONMOUTH BOARD



▲ 50/50 raffle winner Carolyn Kvalo with her husband Roy.



The Monmouth County Board hosted their third annual Oktoberfest at the Spring Lake Tap House in October. The event raised more than \$33,000 to benefit Catholic Charities’ programs dedicated to assisting children and families in Monmouth County.

“We are thrilled that we exceeded our fundraising goal and grateful to everyone who came out to support Catholic Charities,” says event Co-Chair and Monmouth County Board Fundraising Chair, Valarie DeFelice.

◀ Pictured (l to r): Donna Miller and Carol Lynn Miller.



## MONMOUTH TEENS LEND A HELPING HAND

The Monmouth County Board recently recognized the Helping Hands youth group for planning and participating in events throughout the year that help raise funds and supplies for Catholic Charities’ Linkages Program in Tinton Falls.

Past activities have included a Halloween party for young residents at Linkages, deliveries of food and necessities for Thanksgiving, a movie night for children, Valentine’s Day treats, an Easter party, bake sales and a food drive.

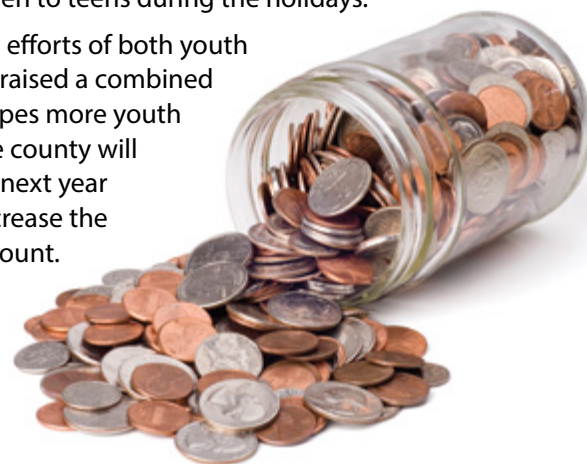
Monmouth Board member Mary-Ann Guyler recognizes the amount of time these teens spend helping the community. “Their efforts were met with much gratitude — we are so proud of our young volunteers,” she says.

## BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD “CHANGE FOR CHANGE” CAMPAIGN

Under the coordination of Burlington County Board member Sue Dowiak, youth groups at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) in Moorestown and St. Mary of the Lakes Parish in Medford, are taking part in a teen-to-teen outreach fundraiser that benefits teen members of families assisted by Catholic Charities’ Community Services.

Sue, who also serves as a youth minister at OLGC, began the “Change for Change” coin collection campaign last year. Funds raised were used towards the purchase of gift cards that were given to teens during the holidays.

This year, the efforts of both youth groups have raised a combined \$435. Sue hopes more youth groups in the county will get involved next year to further increase the donation amount.





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10 AM to Noon

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**COURSE LENGTH: 3.2 miles**

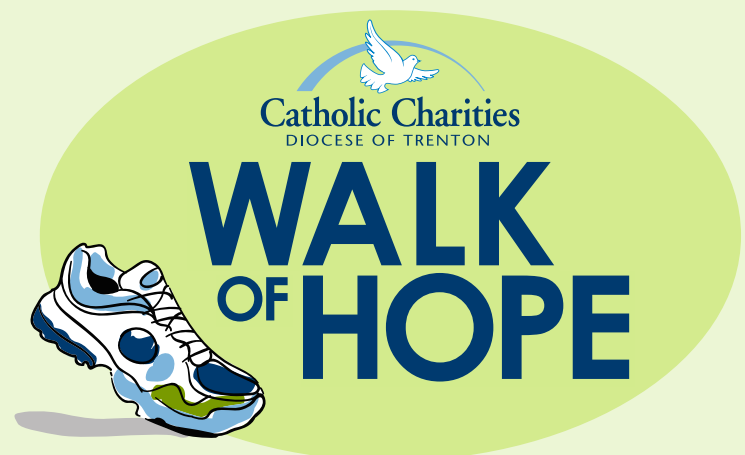
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