Moving out:
Caring staff eases transition to group home

Sandi Kolla (left), Eugene (middle), and Mary Anne Birmingham (right)
(see full story on page 5).
It has been an extraordinary year at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton. In 2016, we were one of just seven New Jersey providers chosen to partner with the State Department of Health and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide integrated behavioral and primary healthcare. Additionally, we were among the first in the state to offer expanded behavioral health services through a Behavioral Health Home, provide Rapid Rehousing to homeless individuals and families, receive funding to assist victims of domestic violence with housing needs, partner with a college, Georgian Court University, to offer abuse prevention and counseling on-campus, and serve as the lead provider of trauma and abuse counseling to children at the Monmouth County Child Advocacy Center.

When the women came to the tomb after Jesus’ death and resurrection, they could not find his body, although the Risen Jesus was standing there before them. “Whom are you looking for?” Jesus asked them. When he called their name, they recognized him. As Catholic Charities does its work here in our Diocese among the most needy, Jesus asks that question again, “Whom are you looking for?” The answer that Catholic Charities gives is the same: the Risen Lord. He lives among those on the margins. That’s where Catholic Charities finds him. And it is his love that Catholic Charities brings.

The report you now hold in your hands tells the story. Respectfully in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D.

Warmly,

Marlene Laó-Collins
Executive Director
EL CENTRO Provides a Sense of Belonging and Academic Success to Youth

“Jorge, at age 14, is our Mentoring Program veteran and helps by tutoring the younger kids,” Roberto Hernandez reports. “A few years ago, Jorge was a smart kid who was about to fall victim to a bad situation. But once he came to El Centro, he felt supported and connected. That is all most of us need to succeed, a sense of belonging.”

PROTECTIVE BIG BROTHER
Jorge was a sweet, sensitive 11-year old who faithfully walked his younger sister to school every day and then got himself to school. “I described Jorge as a young man with a small frame but a big heart,” said Hernandez.

One of Jorge’s teachers noticed that he suddenly wasn’t eating at lunchtime and simply put his head down on the cafeteria table. When asked about it, Jorge explained he’d encountered gang members when escorting his sister to school. “They said we need $5 from you or your sister might not make it to school tomorrow,” said Jorge.

So he gave them his lunch money.

MENTORING PROGRAM GETS RESULTS
Hearing this, his teacher, who volunteered at El Centro, called Hernandez and asked him to intervene. After they discussed the situation, Hernandez offered to transport Jorge from school to El Centro for participation in their Mentoring Program – which meets four days a week and offers academic support to students in need. “When the gang members saw Jorge getting picked up by the El Centro van driver after school they knew somebody had his back and left him alone,” Hernandez said.

Jorge blossomed as a result of the Mentoring Program. His confidence grew, he was able to get his homework done and has worked hard to become an “A” student. And Jorge’s younger sister now participates in the program.

FOR INFORMATION about The Family Resource Center (El Centro), call 609-394-2056.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
2016 HIGHLIGHTS
832 Families received crisis intervention and stabilization services
2,037 Individuals received ESL, mentoring and other services through El Centro
2,100 Children received counseling and support services, including 1,443 children who were at-risk due to issues of violence and abuse
The Burlington County Board, in collaboration with Delaware House staff, clients and volunteers came together to break ground on a new “Serenity Garden” recently. Spearheaded by county board member Sue Hughson, the effort inspired donations of items such as park benches, planters and decorative urns, outdoor tables and chairs and many other garden essentials. “This project, originally conceived to provide an uplifting environment, has actually blossomed into a venture that has offered a real lift to all involved in the planning and execution,” said Sue.

The garden is being developed on a patch of underutilized land behind Delaware House in Westampton, where Behavioral Health Services provides Outpatient Counseling and Partial Care programs. Delaware House staff who have been involved include Rich Glickstein, Associate Director and Dr. Adriana-Torres-O’Connor, Behavioral Health Services Director.

The following Burlington County Board members were responsible for creating the garden: Sue Hughson and her husband Mark; Wally Loza; Kathy Spivey; Theresa (a friend of Sue Hughson and lead gardener), and Burlington County Board liaison and Community Affairs Manager Ann-Marie Casperite. Clients also rolled up their sleeves and helped in the garden’s cultivation: Roland, Ruben, Jeff, Lisa, Richardo, Joe, and Katie.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Serenity Garden, please contact Ann-Marie Casperite at 609-394-5181 x1149 or acasperite@cctrenton.org.

FOR INFORMATION about Behavioral Health Services, contact Dr. Adriana Torres-O’Connor at 609-267-9339.
Mental illness impacts the *entire* family, not just the individual with a diagnosis. At Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, the Behavioral Health Services team works with families of consumers, providing education, advocacy and support. Recently, one family was so grateful for the care, they made a monetary donation to Delaware House’s Partial Care and Residential programs in Burlington County.

**FAMILY REACHED OUT FOR HELP**
A longtime consumer in Partial Care, Eugene spent weekdays in counseling and education groups. Diagnosed with schizophrenia, Eugene, now in his 50’s, resided at home with his elderly mother. On a recent afternoon, Mary Anne Birmingham, Residential Program Director got a call from Eugene’s brother. “Their mother had become too ill to take care of Eugene and they needed help finding another suitable residence for him,” said Birmingham. “He said the family trusted us to help Eugene, since we had such a positive relationship with him.”

**TAKING SMALL STEPS**
Keenly aware of Eugene’s fear of institutional settings, Birmingham used her contacts to identify an opening in a group home. She then worked with Eugene and his family to ease him into this major transition. Initially, she encouraged Eugene to spend an afternoon at the house and later, invited him to spend the night to see what he thought.

Her steady approach worked. The house manager, Marie Jennings-Stubbs and Partial Care program director Sandi Kolla, eased Eugene’s concerns after moving in, helping him adapt to his new home and housemates. “Like Eugene, we all have strengths and challenges,” said Jennings-Stubbs. She helped Eugene take responsibility for doing his laundry, a routine chore most of us take for granted. “He had difficulty using the machines so we identified another solution. Eugene gets driven to a wash and fold where he handles the transaction. He has been keeping his laundry clean and organized.”

**AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION**
According to Kolla, who has known Eugene and his family for nearly three decades, “His ability to live independently has been an amazing transformation and we are all proud of Eugene.” Kolla received an unexpected visit from Eugene’s family, presenting her with a donation to the program.

A close family member summed up their appreciation: “I have sincere gratitude for the compassion and professionalism for all of the staff at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton. Over the years I’ve observed the staff’s gentle and patient approach with the people they serve. It is especially heartening to know that Eugene is happy in his new home and has adjusted so well in the Catholic Charities Residential Program in Burlington County.”

**FOR INFORMATION** about Partial Care and Residential programs in Burlington County, contact Mary Anne Birmingham, 609-267-9339.

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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

*2016 HIGHLIGHTS*

- **2,932** People served through our counseling/mental health focused programs
- **250** Individuals received addiction focused treatment
- **812** People served through employment related services
- **149** People served through housing services

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**The Spirit — Summer 2017**
Guardian Angel Dinner Dance Kick-off Event

It was with great excitement that on May 11th Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, hosted the Kick-off Reception to the 28th Annual Guardian Angel Dinner Dance. The Kick-off was a celebration of the men, women and community partners whose support and dedication have positively impacted Catholic Charities’ abilities to meet the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Official announcements of the honorees were made by Robert Tanzola, Chair of Catholic Charities’ Board of Trustees and Tom and Judi Keefe, Co-chairs of the Guardian Angel Dinner Dance committee.

We would like to thank our 2017 sponsors to date:

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MAKING ENDS MEET through Catholic Charities Community Services Programs

What can you do when you’ve stretched your budget thin and still come up short when paying the bills? For Melissa, an expectant mother struggling to make ends meet, she turned to Catholic Charities Community Services for help.

ENSURING ALL NEEDS ARE MET
Melissa first called Catholic Charities Community Services to find out about a program she heard could help – SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). She then made an appointment with the SNAP Case Manager and submitted an application. During the appointment, she mentioned she was behind on rent and was at risk of having her utilities shut off.

Melissa was then referred to the Catholic Charities Homeless Prevention Case Manager and shared that she had fallen behind on her bills as a result of being laid off. She had recently started working again, and was trying to stay on top of the bills, but couldn’t.

HELP MANAGING A BUDGET
The Case Manager partnered with Melissa and discussed where the financial assistance was most needed. Melissa had a great working relationship with her landlord and already had a plan in place to pay the rental arrears. It was the utility arrears where she needed the most urgent help.

BACK ON TRACK
Approved for utility assistance, Melissa was so thankful. She said, “I came to the right place, at the right time!” “Melissa was managing a budget that left no room to catch up on her utility bills. Catholic Charities provided her the ability to increase her budget for a short time and get back on track,” said Mosudi Idowu, Catholic Charities Community Services Rapid Rehousing Program Director.

FOR INFORMATION about Community Services programs, contact Jackie Edwards, Director, 609-394-8847.

Food pantry shelves at Catholic Charities Community Services
801 Burlington Avenue, Delanco NJ.

COMMUNITY SERVICES
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

37,739
Individuals received food, including 15,011 children

257
Individuals received assistance with food stamps

881
Children received an Easter basket

2,015
Households received food and gifts for Christmas

178
Individuals provided with assistance through immigration support services

549
Elderly residents received help with home repairs

307
People assisted in obtaining permanent housing
Partners in Providing Hope and Healing

The Circle of Friends Annual Campaign is our initiative to ensure, through undesignated donations, that Catholic Charities programs and services are available to those who need us the most. Gifts to this campaign make a significant and positive impact on the lives of more than 100,000 people affected by trauma and adversity.

“I see daily how our partnerships with caring, generous people directly change the lives of our consumers,” said Marlene Laó-Collins, Executive Director. “When I share the success stories of our consumers with people who are new to Catholic Charities, they are inspired by the hope and healing, and often want to help too.”

Donations help to fund the wide range of programs offered by Catholic Charities such as services for mental health and addiction, services that strengthen families and resolve crises, and services that feed the hungry and help manage homelessness.

“I encourage everyone to spread the word about the work we do with their friends, neighbors and coworkers,” said Marlene. “We are in this together.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the Circle of Friends Annual Campaign contact Nancy Tompkins at 609-394-5181 x1161.

Help us get the word out about Catholic Charities! Our Community Affairs Manager is available to speak to civic groups, church groups, groups of friends and businesses about all the services offered by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton. If you are interested in arranging a presentation contact Ann-Marie Casperite at 609-394-5181 x1149.

Cheers to Summer in Monmouth County

The Monmouth County Board’s Annual Cheers to Summer event was held at the Spring Lake Bath & Tennis Club on May 25th. The event raised more than $64,000 to benefit programs in Monmouth County. The event featured dinner, cocktails, dancing, a gift auction and 50/50 raffle. A.H. Fisher Diamonds donated a beautiful bracelet valued at more than $600. We wish to acknowledge the following sponsors who made this successful event possible and have been critical in supporting our services in Monmouth County:

FOR MORE INFORMATION or tickets, contact Jenn Leip, Development and Marketing Manager, at 609-394-5181 x1137, or jleip@cctrenton.org.

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Save the date for the Monmouth Board’s next fundraiser — a Clam Bake at Belmar Fishing Club on September 30th! The event will feature a traditional clam bake menu, live band, outdoor bar, gift auction and 50/50.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or tickets, contact Jenn Leip, Development and Marketing Manager, at 609-394-5181 x1137, or jleip@cctrenton.org.
PATH OF EMPOWERMENT: Mother of Four Partners with Catholic Charities Providence House

Dialing for help, Martha, a mother of four in her mid-forties, called the Catholic Charities Providence House Domestic Violence Hotline hoping to find someone who understood both her fears and love for her children.

FINDING SUPPORT
The compassionate hotline worker listened to Martha. She heard how the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P formerly DYFS) had encouraged Martha to contact Providence House for counseling following a report that her husband had been verbally, emotionally and physically abusing her and her oldest son.

In counseling, Martha initially was unsure about sharing her story. Over time, she grew to trust the Providence House staff and opened up about the abuse, including her husband’s threats to leave the country with their children. Then, without explanation, all connections to Providence House suddenly ended.

READY TO ACCEPT HELP
Approximately six months later, Martha called the Providence House Domestic Violence Hotline needing a safe place away from the abuse. While at the safe house, both she and her three oldest children participated in counseling services and Martha partnered with Case Managers to adjust her plans and goals.

A priority for Martha was finding safe and affordable housing. Her full-time employment salary disqualified her for housing assistance through the Board of Social Services. “The lack of affordable housing often becomes one of the biggest obstacles for survivors,” commented Mary Pettrow, Providence House Associate Director.

When several housing referral attempts were unsuccessful, Martha decided to move in with supportive family members who offered to provide childcare while she continued to work and look for stable housing.

ON A PATH TO PEACE
Martha and her children chose to continue their counseling at the Providence House Outreach Center and are doing well. It was a long, winding road. Martha’s strength, determination and help from Catholic Charities Providence House staff have her on a path of healing and empowerment.

FOR INFORMATION about Providence House Domestic Violence Services, contact Associate Director, Mary Pettrow, 732-350-2120.

PROVIDENCE HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

20,074 Counseling hours provided to individuals impacted by domestic violence and their children

332 Individuals impacted by domestic violence and their children were provided shelter

3,294 Calls fielded by the domestic violence hotline

6,276 Individuals received domestic violence training/education

326 Individuals received therapy

23RD ANNUAL TASTE of Burlington County

BENEFITING PROVIDENCE HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017
Gift Auction: 6 PM
Dinner: 7 PM (cash bar)
The Merion, Cinnaminson, NJ
Food from over 20 local restaurants, gift basket auction, 50/50 raffles and more!
For ticket information, to learn about becoming a sponsor or donating gift auction items, contact Treina Fletcher at tfletcher@ctrenton.org or 856-824-0599 x8622, or visit CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org

The Spirit — Summer 2017
ANNUAL REPORT 2016

REVENUE + EXPENSES. Following is a pre-audit summary of revenues and expenses for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2016.* Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, continues to be fiscally responsible, fulfilling the stewardship expected by our funders and donors. Approximately 9.2% of our budget is spent on centralized administrative costs.

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PROGRAM SURPLUS (DEFICIT) ($486,308)

* A full financial statement may be obtained by writing to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton; Attn: George Bontcue, Associate Executive Director of Fiscal Affairs; 383 West State Street, PO Box 1423, Trenton, NJ 08607-1423; GBontcue@cctrenton.org
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, would like to thank the individuals, corporations and foundations that supported our mission in 2016. The following list contains donors who contributed $250 or more to the mission of Catholic Charities.

The giving levels indicated reflect those of our 2016 Circle of Friends Annual Gifts Campaign. We extend our sincere gratitude to ALL who gave generously throughout the year. Please know that each contribution is valued and appreciated.

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22,693
People received non-food essentials from Community Services, such as clothing, appliances and furniture.

4,305
People were offered interventions through Behavioral Health Services to help them manage mental illness and substance abuse challenges.

4,578
Individuals received life-saving assistance from Providence House Domestic Violence Services to escape violence in their homes.

1,316
Individuals received disaster recovery services through Children and Family Services.

30,469
Hours were donated by 584 Catholic Charities volunteers.
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Food items may be dropped off during business hours at our food pantries:

132 N. Warren Street, Trenton
801 Burlington Avenue, Delanco
4261 Route 33, Tinton Falls
200 Monmouth Avenue, Lakewood

TOGETHER, WE CAN PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING.

Make a difference by donating non-perishable food or making an online donation at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/donate

For more information call 800-360-7711.
JOIN US AS WE WALK TOGETHER TO REDUCE POVERTY • PROMOTE RECOVERY • STRENGTHEN FAMILIES

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Help Catholic Charities continue its mission of reducing poverty, promoting recovery and strengthening families by joining the 4th Annual Walk of Hope!

Catholic Charities has been a trusted resource since 1913, making sure no one in crisis has had to go it alone by offering programs that provide food, financial assistance, counseling and support.

LEARN HOW TO FORM A TEAM, GET SPONSORS AND JOIN THE WALK OF HOPE!

Register today at: WalkofHopeNJ.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
9 to 10 AM Check-in and t-shirt pick-up
10 AM to Noon Walk of Hope

LOCATION
Mercer County Park
1638 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ (west entrance)

COURSE LENGTH
3.1 miles (with optional 1- and 2-mile walks)

REGISTRATION FEE
Adults (18 years and older): $25
17 and under: FREE (includes t-shirt)

QUESTIONS?
Contact Jenn Leip, Development and Marketing Manager, 609-394-5181, ext. 1137, or jleip@cctrenton.org.