

Responding...

Our special thanks to these friends for helping us provide *Care With Dignity...Life With Hope.*



A record-breaking \$190,000 was raised at our Annual Caritas Dinner when 244 friends and family gathered to honor **Sherry and Paul Durman** as **Bishop William Murphy** presented them with the Caritas Medal for their years of tireless and selfless dedication to the needy of Long Island.

We are grateful to **JP Morgan Chase Foundation** for their grants of \$50,000 for senior housing and \$30,000 for immigrants and refugees. Their generosity will impact thousands right here on Long Island.

Our special thanks to the **United Way of Long Island** for providing a \$46,000 weatherization grant that made energy upgrades at our Virdone Residence for the Developmentally Disabled possible.



Justin Eith and some fellow scouts in **Nassau Troop 93** collected school supplies for underprivileged children using donation boxes at local merchants like CVS, Walgreens, King Kullen, and Staples. Working toward his Eagle Scout designation, Justin was able to collect 17 large boxes of supplies which he then distributed to more than 50 children at Catholic Charities Commodity Supplemental Food Sites.

The Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation graciously provided \$25,000 to support mentoring programs and parenting classes to young, unwed mothers in our Regina Maternity Program.



(from left) **Fidelis Care**, New York's Director of Marketing Robert McBrien and Chief Marketing Officer Pamela Hassen present Catholic Charities CEO Laura Cassell and COO Paul Engelhart with a check for \$104,000. The grant will provide clinical and nursing care to aging, developmentally disabled residents in our 13 Long Island group homes.

In May of this year we mourned the loss of **Mary Sesso**, a 105-year-old member of our Franklin Square Senior Center. Thanks to her son for asking that donations in her memory be made to the center and to the donors who raised \$1,000 for a new air-conditioning system.

Around and About

Catholic Charities and **Long Island Cares – The Harry Chapin Food Bank**, have teamed up to make fresh fruits and vegetables available to senior citizens in need. The "Fresh Pickins" program will deliver fresh produce to more than 4,000 seniors a month through our food banks in Freeport and Wyandanch. Call (516) 623 – 4568 for more information.

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Celebrate!

Our congratulations to...

Our very own **Adelaide Corvelle** for serving the needy for 40 years through Catholic Charities; to our Regina Maternity Resident who graduated from High School this summer and to our Regina Resident who graduated from C.W. Post, Long Island University; to our professionals at Msgr. Fagan Residence in Elmont and our Hansler Residence in Hampton Bays who received the NY State Association of Community and Residential Agencies Award for Excellence; to our Director of Dental Services, Dr. Fabiola Millord, who has also joined the faculty of the New York State Department of Health's AIDS Education Training Center; and to our 23 staff members who ran in the annual Marcum Workplace Challenge at Jones Beach to raise funds for Long Island nonprofits. Well done!



This all starts with you. Your gift helps our residents live their lives to the fullest and make music from the heart!

Would you like to be at next year's spectacular? Email us at info@catholiccharities.cc and we'll add your name to the invitation list!



It happens every fall. The days get shorter, the air a little crisper, the leaves change color, and a new group of student volunteers gears up for the annual Catholic Charities Variety Show.

They come from St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School and team up with residents at our group homes for the developmentally disabled to put on a musical spectacular that would make even Broadway jealous.

More than 70 students are now hard at work with the residents, rehearsing, choreographing, and designing costumes and sets. After a few months, together they'll dazzle their friends and family.

Just ask the more than 250 friends and family that attended our most recent show, aptly titled "Music from the Heart." Any one of them will tell you what an energetic, inspiring, joyful performance it was. You can see more photos on our web site or better yet, join us for the next show on January 27, 2013!

Beyond great entertainment, the annual show creates lifelong friendships that enrich both residents and students. It's the kind of experience that sets Catholic Charities apart. We offer people more than technically proper care; we bring them friendship and the richness of human connections.



Catch the Spirit! Watch our video at www.catholiccharities.cc/showvid



The Mission

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"If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday..."

Isaiah 58:10



That is the mantra of Bessie Horton, a 37-year veteran of Catholic Charities who has cooked thousands of meals for Long Island's most vulnerable seniors. In 1974 Bessie was an assistant at one of our senior centers when she spoke to her coordinator. "I said the meals we were serving just didn't look good to me. My mother always said that when you cook you've got to put some love into it. People can tell by looking at a dish if your heart is in it and when it is, they enjoy that meal so much more." That must mean Bessie has a lot of heart.

Since that time she has gone on to cook for Catholic Charities' senior centers, the Visually Impaired Program (VIP), and even for our Meals-On-Wheels program that serves the homebound throughout Nassau County. You could say that thousands of our neighbors have sat down at Bessie's table. Today, a semi-retired Bessie still visits Catholic Charities twice a week to prepare special meals. The melodies of Ella Fitzgerald along with the aroma of roasted fish and potatoes tell friends that Bessie is in the kitchen and all are welcome. Bessie smiles gently and adds "This is like a family to me and my cooking makes them happy. I love being a part of that."

Make automated, monthly, secure credit card donations with one call to (516) 733-7028. No size gift is too small. Giving couldn't be easier!

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SNAPSHOT Catholic Charities Senior Services July, 2012

Catholic Charities provides a wide range of services that help Long Island's seniors live independently while promoting their physical and emotional well-being throughout the year. July was an average month so let's take a look:



18,000 meals were delivered to 700 homebound seniors • 2,500 pints of milk were consumed at our 5 Senior Community Centers • 17 Case Managers helped nearly 500 seniors stay safely in their homes • We had 200 BINGO winners at our senior clubs • More than 100 senior center participants also volunteered to help others • 9,600 low-income seniors received free food packages through our Commodity Supplemental Food Program • Approximately 288,000 pounds of food were distributed to them • There were 1,298 Catholic Charities Senior Apartments occupied by 1,412 seniors • 48 of those seniors were in residence at Bishop Daly Gardens, where 360 loads of laundry were washed, 3 light bulbs changed and 2 toilets repaired

From Our Mailbag

Dear Catholic Charities,
My mother Agnes was always too proud to ask for assistance and was living at the poverty level with not one penny of savings or retirement. When she turned 82 and we saw her ability to live on her own diminishing, we had no idea where to turn. A change was necessary. Somehow, I found Catholic Charities.
Now mom has enough food. And much to our surprise and delight, she is in a system that can help her as she is aging rapidly...The government maze was long and tedious. It was frustrating because state offices would never return my calls because I live in Virginia. You were instrumental in so many ways I can't even begin to tell you. I know that without your help it may have been impossible.
We are eternally grateful that we know we can turn to Catholic Charities.



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Keeping The Doors Open

Dear Friend,

I know you already read a little bit about our homes for the developmentally disabled on the front cover but I wanted to emphasize just how special they really are. Years ago, people felt simply providing the developmentally disabled with a safe place to live was enough, but at Catholic Charities we knew our Lord had greater plans.

That's why from the beginning, our homes were designed to nurture independence, develop hidden talents and help people live their lives to the fullest.

I wish you could visit one of our 13 homes and experience for yourself just how life-changing they really are. Stop by in the evening and you'll find residents cooking dinner, leaving for choir practice or getting changed to play in their softball league. You'll even find others returning from work! These are full, rewarding lives, just like yours and mine.

They are only possible because of people like you.

Last year, these homes operated with a \$430,000 deficit. There is simply not enough funding for them anymore. It was only by the grace of God working through people like you that we could meet expenses,

but we still need your help to keep these precious doors open.

Please use the enclosed envelope to donate today and your gift will go directly to these homes.

I pray that someday you will have the opportunity to feel the warmth and unfettered love that exists there. Until then, please know the love is there and that you're very much a part of it.

With sincerest gratitude,

Laura A. Cassell

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Diocese of Rockville Centre



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