For the ninth straight year, Catholic Social Services has been honored for providing thousands of expectant mothers with a “beautiful beginning” to parenthood. Read more here.

The Secretariat for Catholic Human Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (CHS) is the largest faith-based human services provider in Southeastern Pennsylvania and benefits more than 300,000 individuals of all faiths annually.

CHS is comprised of various agencies that administer a broad range of human services programs throughout the five-county Philadelphia area as an expression of the charitable works of our local Church and daily touch the lives of immigrants, those experiencing homelessness, women in crisis, at-risk youth, senior citizens, the intellectually disabled, those facing hunger, and more.
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Through its many good works, The Secretariat for Catholic Human Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia builds on the legacy of Jesus Christ by lifting up the poor, proclaiming liberty to captives, restoring sight to the blind, and freeing the oppressed.

As you read about the transformative impact we have in our local communities, please know we count on your continued prayers for God’s blessings on our unceasing efforts to make the love of Christ evident through the charitable works of our Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Dear Friends,

I am lifelong Philadelphia Catholic whose faith continues to be fulfilled though my social work career having been involved with the charitable works of our local Church.

I am proud to work day in and day out with the Catholic Human Services staff you see featured here and those they so well serve.

May you be inspired in reading about the positive impact we are having in our local communities and please keep all of us in your prayers as we continue serving those most in need.

Sincerely,

James T. Amato, LSW
Secretary for Catholic Human Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
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Phillies step up to the plate for archdiocesan ministry

For the past 18 months, the team has been providing top-shelf meals to St. John's Hospice, which serves hundreds of men experiencing homelessness -- and the dishes have been a home run for body and soul.

Recovery walk sends ‘positive message’ addiction can be overcome

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Delco parish school becomes senior housing, and it’s ‘love at first sight’

Two "gorgeous" and historic structures of the former St. Joseph Parish School in Collingdale are on track to become home for 50 area seniors, thanks to the hard work and patience of many partners with the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

Food drive tackles local hunger with lunchtime favorite

Nutritional Development Services is holding a “Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive” to stock its network of 50 food cupboards located throughout the five-county Philadelphia region.

Archdiocesan agencies send relief to Louisiana victims of Ida

Catholic Social Services and Nutritional Development Services are organizing shipments of food and clothing to the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, located south of New Orleans and the heart of Louisiana’s wetlands.
Marcia Fudge recently joined state and local officials at St. Rita Place in South Philadelphia, where she highlighted the nation’s housing crisis and how the Biden-Harris Administration plans to address it.

St. John’s Hospice has just launched its first “Boot Up Philly” drive to purchase 1,000 sets of footwear, socks and undergarments for individuals experiencing homelessness.

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Catholic agencies, nuns ‘working diligently’ to help Afghan refugees

As Afghan refugees arrive in the Philadelphia area, Catholic Social Services staff are “working diligently” with a number of groups to provide vital support.
After more than a year of COVID restrictions, doors reopened in July at five Catholic Housing and Community Services senior centers for older adults, dispelling isolation and bringing hope.

Erick Barragán, Accredited Representative with Catholic Social Services Immigration Legal Services office, was recently selected by Al DÍA News Media as a 2021 “40 Under Forty” honoree! Erick was selected from a field of nearly 180 young professionals from throughout the Philadelphia area.

Located at the former St. Gabriel’s Hall in Audubon, Martha’s Choice Marketplace, an outreach of Catholic Social Services, recently launched a community farm which is bringing new life to old land, and drawing dozens of dedicated volunteers, parishes, nonprofits and businesses together to end food insecurity.

The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence recently celebrated staff for their critical work and for fostering a community filled with love, care and acceptance during Direct Support Professional Recognition Week!
During 2020, Catholic Social Services assisted 3,976 pregnant women through its Beautiful Beginnings program, distributing diapers, baby food, maternity and baby clothing, car seats, and baby furniture.

Never underestimate the power of the spirit of God working in you, through you and despite you.

- Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

Each weekday, St. John’s Hospice provides more than 300 hot meals as well as case management, on-site nursing, daily showers, and a mail room for over 1,500 men experiencing homelessness.

Through the "Farmers to Families" program earlier this year, Nutritional Development Services distributed over 93,000 federally funded meals for children and nearly 7,500 federally funded food boxes to area households in need and facing hunger.
'A Better Way'

Conflict management therapy provided by Catholic Social Services gives adjudicated youth the skills they need to break free from the cycle of violence — and chart a new course for their lives.

Bette Kennedy of CSS has spent the past two decades directing a conflict management program for thousands of adjudicated teens aged 12 to 18.

Through individual and group counseling, role-playing and writing exercises, clients learn how to process conflict and trauma, while discovering healthy ways to handle both.

“We have youngsters taking new information home with them,” said Kennedy, who follows up with her clients for several months after they graduate from the program. “So if we’re helping them, we’re helping the home and the community.”
Catholic Social Services is holding its “Take Back the Month!” donation drive.

This initiative aims to support women and girls throughout the five-county Philadelphia region who are experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, or other obstacles that prevent them from obtaining menstrual care and feminine hygiene products.

Nutritional Development Services is holding its annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive to help provide nourishment to our neighbors in need.

All goods donated to this drive will help stock the shelves of NDS’s network of 50 food cupboards throughout the Greater Philadelphia region for the fall and winter months.
Ms. Angela Babcock has been named the new administrator of Divine Providence Village, part of The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence. Angela will succeed Jean Calvarese-Donovan. Please also join in expressing deep gratitude to Jean for her commendable service during her time at Divine Providence Village.

Mr. Barry Martin (pictured left) has been appointed as the Program Director of St. Johns Hospice. Barry has served as the Program Supervisor at the Good Shepard Program for the past nine years, and as interim Program Director of St. John’s Hospice for the past five months.

Please join in extending prayerful best wishes and congratulations to the following Partners in Mission as they assume their new roles.
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