



CHARITY IN *Action*

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On March 19th, Catholic Social Services, program supporters, staff, and volunteers hosted a welcome luncheon for newly arrived individuals and families through its Afghan Placement and Assistance Program. Since December 2021, CSS has welcomed a total of 108 Afghan evacuees through its program.

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OUR WORK

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.

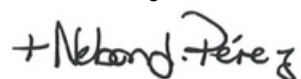
CHS is comprised of various agencies that administer a broad range of human services programs throughout the five-county Philadelphia area as an expression of the charitable works of our local Church and daily touch the lives of immigrants, those experiencing homelessness, women in crisis, at-risk youth, 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 Revered Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



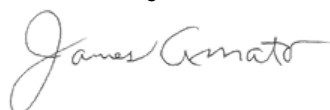
Dear Friends,

I am a lifelong Philadelphia Catholic whose faith continues to be fulfilled through 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, MSW
Secretary for Catholic Human Services
of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

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IN THE *News*



Foster care program seeks parents ready for 'genuine love'



Catholic Social Services is actively seeking resource parents for its longstanding foster care program, which provides a stable living environment for children and youth unable to remain in their own homes.

Partnership of CSS, Delco parish welcomes Afghan refugees



Catholic Social Services is working to alleviate the anguish of dozens of refugees through its Afghan Placement and Assistance Program. Through a partnership with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, CSS has welcomed 108 Afghan evacuees since December 2021.

Refugee resettlement, parish collections set to help Ukrainians



As the Russian invasion of Ukraine enters its second month, the Philadelphia Archdiocese is gearing up to help resettle Ukrainian refugees, while encouraging parish collections for on-the-ground aid.

Helping troubled youth is sure reward for Catholic social worker



Margaret Andrews, who heads an agency of Catholic Social Services for neglected boys and girls, reflects on her career marking last month's National Social Work Month. She's living out her desire to "make a difference in someone's life."

Montco teen dedicates Eagle Scout project to archdiocesan ministry



Owen Applestein of Lower Merion is aiming for scouting's highest rank by gathering donations for St. John's Hospice, the Catholic Social Services ministry serving hundreds of men experiencing homelessness.

AT A *Glance* >>>

Last month, Catholic Social Services partnered with Bethany Christian Services of Delaware Valley, Nationalities Service Center, HIAS Pennsylvania, and others in coordinating a Nowruz celebration. The event welcomed many newcomers to our region alongside members of the local Afghan and immigrant communities.



The Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) recently hosted its 2022 Kickoff Reception as beneficiaries, benefactors, and friends gathered together in fellowship, reflection, and celebration. Archbishop Pérez greeted men and women served by Catholic Social Services as well as other organizations, programs, and ministries who benefit from the CCA.

The Saint John's Hospice Good Shepherd Singers, along with program director Barry Martin (with guitar) recently performed for those in attendance at the Mass of Thanksgiving for the Catholic Charities Appeal. Through the Good Shepherd program, men work to transition from homelessness to independent living while addressing their specific health care needs.



Catholic Housing and Community Services celebrated staff during Social Work Month and their continued dedication to serving those in need. Staff enjoyed a pizza party that was held at the St. John Neumann Place II Wellness Center.

AT A *Glance* >>>

Catholic Housing and Community Services' Saint Joseph Place in Collingdale (Delaware County) is nearly 50% complete. Pictured is one of the apartments located in the annex building which will soon be getting flooring and cabinetry installed. The second picture shows the framing of the new connector that will connect the two school buildings together and will house the offices, elevator, and a few apartments. The Saint Joseph Place development involves the substantial rehabilitation of the historic former Saint Joseph's Parish Elementary School and its Annex building as well as the construction of a new addition to unify the two buildings. The facility is the first senior housing community developed by Catholic Housing and Community Services outside the City of Philadelphia.



Martha's Choice Marketplace and Community Farm received a donation from KTA Funding Hope Foundation. The funds will support Martha Community Farm's new Power Garden along the walking and learning Food Power Path opening in May.

Last month, Catholic Social Services' Immigration Legal Services office collaborated with the Consulado de México of Philadelphia on a Facebook Live event to talk about VAWA Visas and T Visas.





Congratulations!

Catholic Housing and Community Services' Saint Rita Place and the Cascia Center has been recognized as one of the "Best Real Estate Deals" in the affordable housing category by Philadelphia Business Journal. The distinction was bestowed upon CHCS on March 31st at an award ceremony. [Read the article here.](#)

Please join in extending prayerful congratulations to CHCS on this recognition!



UPCOMING

Events & Initiatives



Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities

April 22nd

Archbishop Pérez will celebrate the annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, April 22nd at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

[Learn More >](#)



Fantastic Farm Showcase

May 14th

Join Martha's Choice Marketplace and Community Farm on Saturday, May 14th from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for its Fantastic Farm Showcase. The event will be a celebration of the last frost date for gardening in Pennsylvania. All are invited to check out what the Farm will be up to this year as it unveils its new Food Power Path with the new 60 raised beds and 80 pergola Food Power garden. Festivities include children games, activities, workshops, giveaways, a raffle, and more. Refreshments and snacks will also be served.

[Learn More >](#)



Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies

June 30th

Join us on Thursday, June 30 at 6:05 p.m. for Catholic Charities Night at Citizens Bank Park to watch the Phillies vs. the Atlanta Braves. A portion of all tickets sold will go directly to CCA beneficiaries.

[Purchase Tickets >](#)

Take Back the Month! Feminine Hygiene Drive



Help Catholic Social Services provide feminine hygiene products to women in need so they can **Take Back the Month!**

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



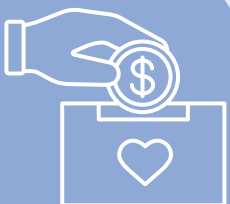
DONATE ITEMS ONLINE

Visit [YouGiveGoods.com/TakeBacktheMonth](https://www.YouGiveGoods.com/TakeBacktheMonth) to purchase the items you would like to donate. All goods donated will be shipped directly to Catholic Social Services



DONATE ITEMS IN PERSON

To donate new and unopened feminine hygiene products in person, please contact Amy Stoner, director of Community Based and Housing and Homeless Services Division of Catholic Social Services, at astoner@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG to schedule a drop-off.



MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

To make a financial contribution, please visit the Catholic Social Services website to view our secure online giving page at cssphiladelphia.org/donate.



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