



Catholic Charities Connections

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A Quarterly Newsletter from Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo

We are God's hands providing housing, health, and hope to His children.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo Announces New Executive Director

We are excited to announce the appointment of Ms. Toni Newell to the position of Executive Director, Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo. Toni has been a true leader for the agency through her



commitment, transparency, management skills, passion for our programs and love of those we serve. Toni is an outstanding individual and a positive representation of the agency. She encourages and inspires all of us to do better. Toni's Catholic upbringing shines through in all she does. Toni is an incredibly dedicated worker, always putting God, the agency, and staff first.

Toni was born and raised in Hopkins, Michigan and now resides in South Haven where she is an active parishioner of St. Basil's Catholic Church and an avid sports fan. Toni holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Notre Dame. She first came to Catholic Charities as a volunteer while in her previous position as a corporate attorney. Toni had been considering leaving the practice and forging a new career as she felt something lacking in the corporate world and was interested in pursuing charitable work.

Toni became employed with Catholic Charities first as the Outreach Case Manager Supervisor in February 2020. She was quickly promoted to Chief Operations Officer and then to interim Executive Director in October 2021. On behalf of Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley, Bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, and the entire Catholic Charities Board of Directors and staff, we would like to congratulate Toni on her new position. We hope you will join us in supporting her as she leads the organization to continue its mission throughout the Diocese.

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We are excited to report that the first annual St. Nicholas Raffle Fundraiser was a big success! We raised over \$50,000 for the agency programs and our clients. This was the first fundraiser for the agency since 2019 and one of the most successful as far as proceeds! The live event was well attended and gave us the opportunity to connect with many of our sponsors and donors. Thank you to all who helped to promote the fundraiser, sold tickets for the raffle and also contributed by purchasing tickets. If you missed the event, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CCDOKalamazoo>. There are photos and a link to the slide show presentation.

Once again, a huge "Thank You" goes to our sponsors who helped make this event possible: Cole Automotive Group, O'Brien Real Estate, Adrian Real Estate, Burco Auto Mirror Replacements, Diocese of Kalamazoo, First National Bank of Michigan, ThermalTech Engineering, Warner, Townsquare Media Southwest Michigan, TriFound, Mark and Toni Jones, Tim and Sarah Harding

**SAVE THE DATE for the 2nd Annual St. Nicholas Raffle Event
Wednesday, December 6, 2023!**

Lent begins on February 22

**Help Feed
The
Hungry**

Help Feed the Hungry this year by donating to the Bread of Life Program. This is an opportunity to not just give something up during the Lenten season, but to give something to others.



Just \$10 can make a difference and provide up to 5 boxes of food for families in need.

TEXT TO GIVE!! Text **BREAD to **50155**
Or visit ccdok.org/donate-today/**

HOLIDAY SPONSORSHIPS BENEFIT MANY OF OUR CLIENTS!

Generous sponsors, energetic volunteers and devoted staff delivered Christmas cheer to 65 families involved with Catholic Charities programs. Christmas Giving Trees coordinated by churches and schools throughout the Diocese of Kalamazoo provided additional support through needed supplies and gift cards for families engaged with the agency. To all those who donated and prayed for our clients, thank you for being Givers of Great Gifts and supporting our mission to serve those in need.



The 2023 Home Heating Assistance Program has started. Volunteers throughout the diocese are available to assist those with emergency heating needs. Thank you to all who so generously donated to the program to keep families warm this winter.

For more information visit our website www.ccdok.org/home-heating-assistance/ or email us at homeheating@ccdok.org

