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"Mom and Dad, when will we have money again?"

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities:

This piercing and haunting question is being posed by children in Central Florida, who do not understand their families' money problems. One of our Charities' staffers recently related a story that she had heard from a parochial school teacher about a fourth grade girl, who was upset that her parents didn't ever seem to have money anymore. In fact, that was the case.

Since 2007, her two-income parents had lost more than two-thirds of their income due to layoffs and holding only part time jobs. There's been barely enough money to pay utilities, buy groceries, cover medical bills and stay somewhat current with their mortgage. By late 2010, their savings and retirement funds were totally gone. Hours worked for both jobs were decreased again, leaving them in near despair and with the impending realization that they could soon be homeless and destitute. Where to turn? What to do?

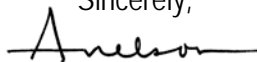
The girl's teacher tried to help her family through their parish, but they thought others were in worse shape. They were also ashamed of their current situation that did not allow them to help others as they did every other Christmas up until 2008. The teacher realized that their closest Catholic Charities office was 20 miles away and it had been helping others in their parish all along. The girl's parents visited our Emergency Family Services and, to their surprise, received loving and generous help. Our Charities case managers understood their immediate financial and physical needs and also perceived the negative effects that their major financial reversals have had on their children and broadened the services provided accordingly. In every way, Catholic Charities rightly served as an extension of their parish for this hurting and needy family. They will know the true meaning of Christmas this year because all of us cared. This family is another example of our neighbors in need known as "the working poor." But aren't we all called to minister to them too?

Why do we do what we do? St. Luke reminds us in 3, 11: "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." We at Catholic Charities believe that when we help anyone, we find Christ in that person. This is our essential motivation. People of all religions, races and social / economic status are having problems today that are growing even worse. It is our mission to help where there is suffering and need in our midst. Zechariah 7, 9 likewise encourages us: "Thus says the Lord of hosts - render true judgment and show kindness and compassion toward one another." You too are invited to share in this immense but hope-filled outreach to our neighbors.

Enclosed you will find a list of ways that you and your family can join in our ministry to the poor by adopting one of Catholic Charities' services for a day, a week or longer. Does this make sense for your family, friends and associates? If so, please consider a gift or pledge to our Annual Fund that will provide operating support and give to those in need today and all year. May Christmas be a time of joy and peace for your family and for the needy people that come to Catholic Charities seeking hope and opportunity. We all owe them our best effort. Thank you.

God bless you and your loved ones and best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



President / CEO



Annual Gift / Pledge

Acknowledging the Gospel mandate to help the suffering, the poor, the hungry and the powerless; and recognizing also our need to help Catholic Charities of Central Florida fulfill its mission...

I/We pledge a total sum of \$ _____

to be paid over _____ months, or as follows:

Designation: _____

Gift / Pledge Summary:	Desired Payment Schedule
Total Pledge \$ _____	Beginning Date _____
Paid Herewith \$ _____	Preferred reminder schedule:
Balance Due \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly

I wish to pay by: Check (*payable to Catholic Charities*)

Credit Card *or* Direct Debit (see back)



Catholic Charities Annual Fund for the Needy
Providing Hope – Building Opportunity

Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc.
Attention: Development Office – Annual Fund
1819 North Semoran Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32807
Tel: (407) 658-1818 Phone
Fax: (407) 282-2891
www.cfcc.org



Peace and Blessings!

Your email address: _____

American Express Master Card Visa Discover

From Bank Account (Include a Voided Check)

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4-digit code on Amex front or 3-digit code on back of others

Exp. Date _____ Print Name (as it appears on card) _____

X _____
Signature _____ Date _____

One-time gift to be charged	OR	Charge a monthly gift of \$ _____
\$ _____		beginning in _____ for _____ months
		(month)

All credit card transactions will be made in the last business week of the month.

Bank _____

Name(s) on account _____

(please list both names if joint account) _____

Account No: _____

One-time gift to be charged	OR	Charge a monthly gift of \$ _____
\$ _____		beginning in _____ for _____ months
		(month)

X _____
Signature _____ Date _____

X _____
Signature of joint account holder _____ Date _____

* To authorize a direct debit from your account, you must include a blank check marked VOID. All direct debit charges will be made in the last business week of the month.

IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES

Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, Sumter & Volusia Counties

Refugee Program

All Counties of the Diocese of Orlando - Refugee resettlement, youth, integration and employment programs.

- \$2,000 Resettlement expense for 1 month for 1 family
- \$500 Resettlement expense for start-up maintenance for each donated used car
- \$100 Expense for educational supplies and school start-up for 1 child
- \$50 Medical and dental visits for 1 month for 1 child



Refugee Employment

Immigration Program

All Counties of the Diocese of Orlando - Legal services consultation, court representation, permanent residency, employment authorization and citizenship.

- \$5,000 Cost of 1 attorney for 1 month
- \$675 Government citizenship fees
- \$375 Cost of 1 attorney for 1 day
- \$350 Government work authorization fees
- \$60 1 client consultation for Immigration

REGIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole & Sumter Counties

Free Medical Clinic for those at or below Poverty Level

- St. Cloud – St. Thomas Aquinas Clinic – operated by St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

- \$2,500 Fund the acquisition of medical equipment for each clinic for 1 month
- \$750 Overhead to operate each clinic for 1 day
- \$500 Operating expense related to volunteer doctors for each clinic for 1 month
- \$250 Utilities for each clinic for 1 month
- \$100 Medical supplies for each clinic for 1 day
- \$100 Transportation expense for staff and clients for each clinic for 1 week

Pathways to Care (PTC) Medical Respite and Pathways to Independence (PTI) Transitional Housing for Homeless Men and Women

Casselberry -

PTC Service Program Adoptions – open since 2003

- \$8,000 Cost to feed all residents for 1 month
- \$5,600 Cost of a typical 42-day stay for 1 resident
- \$1,500 Additional costs for 1 month for all residents' medications
- \$1,500 Cost for 1 month for all residents' transportation costs for medical care
- \$230 Cost to provide food for 1 resident for 1 month
- \$53 Cost to provide food for 1 resident for 1 week

PTI Service Program Adoptions – open

- \$3,000 Basic operational support for 3 months
- \$2,000 2 months
- \$1,000 1 month



Our ...

- **Mission ...** Provide vital social services to people in need, regardless of their religious, social or economic background, to improve lives of individuals, families and the community.
- **Commitment ...** Join forces with Catholic Charities USA, and other partnering social service agencies as we continue to lead the charge in Central Florida to reduce poverty and the destructive forces that it creates in the family and community-at-large.
- **Vision ...** Create a more capable and connected social service agency focused on meeting today's community needs and positioned to meet the challenges of tomorrow throughout the Diocese of Orlando.
- **Values ...** Dignity, Respect, Compassion, Commitment, Integrity, and Professionalism.
- **Gospel Motivation ... Matthew 25**

Works of Mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his or her spiritual and bodily necessities.

Corporal Works of Mercy call us to service especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity; it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

He, who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?

Spiritual Works of Mercy prompt us to be generous in instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.

For more information please contact:
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Central Region – Orange, Osceola, Seminole

The Food Pantry at 1771 Semoran, Orlando: This year, more than 500 families received Thanksgiving food boxes with all the fixings for their holiday meal... boxes were prepared by volunteers.



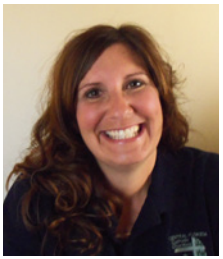
Annual Fund Appeal – Christmas 2011

Suggested Program Adoption Levels

Thank you for considering the adoption of a Catholic Charities' service program in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. Your financial support is vital to our ability to provide social services that are critical to our needy and hurting neighbors in the Central Region.

If you wish to adopt a program write the name of the service you select on the "designation" line on the gift and pledge form that is attached to your letter. Complete your gift/form and return it in the self-addressed envelope provided. You may pledge over the next 12 months and honor your commitment by check, credit card, debit or bank account with a schedule that best suits your circumstances.

Together we can "provide hope and build opportunity." Thank you.



Greetings from Julie Yetter, Central Regional Director

Best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year from our clients, board members and staff. Thank you for all that you have done to help our needy neighbors over the past year. Our challenges have been great but our hope for greater opportunity for our clients has never been stronger, due in great part to your prayerful and financial support.

The past three years have shown us how difficult it has become for a family on a limited income to survive challenging circumstances like homelessness, hunger and job loss. Catholic Charities steps in to help in any way we can—and to do our work more efficiently and effectively each year. Our inspiration to keep moving forward comes from a holy place in each of our hearts. As St. Paul described it, “The love of Christ impels us.”

Through our Emergency Family Services Program, transitional housing, and counseling programs, our clients moved past seemingly insurmountable challenges with help from our staff. They secured employment, increased their income, resolved emotional crises, avoided eviction, diminished the damage from abusive situations and in many cases ended the cycle of poverty. Our clients’ successes inspire us, and they inspire others to push ahead even in their darkest moments.

We are blessed with an unparalleled team of staff and volunteers. I have witnessed the generosity of so many throughout the year, and it gives me great hope. Catholic Charities is unequivocally dedicated to preserving and honoring the dignity and sanctity of every human life by meeting the needs of each individual and family whom we serve, regardless of race, religion or social/economic status.

Personally, I am so grateful to work for an organization that is filled with faith, fueled with purpose, and passionate about finding creative and innovative ways to solve poverty. Thank you for your love and continued support of Catholic Charities’ programs and services that are available for your adoption at this critical time. May God bless your day!

WOMEN, CHILDREN & FAMILY INITIATIVE

Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties

Emergency Family Services, Case Management & Disaster Relief

Regional Office - Orlando and Regional EFS Services in Leesburg - 1771 N. Semoran Blvd. Orlando, FL 32807 and partnering with St. Paul Parish, 1330 Sunshine Ave. Leesburg, FL 34748. 352-787-6354

- \$1,500** Disaster relief and recovery help for 1 family for 1 month
- \$1,000** Homelessness prevention for 1 family
- \$750** Mortgage payment for 1 month
- \$500** Apartment rent and utilities for 1 month
- \$100** Doctor’s care for 1 person

Marion County Catholic Charities’ Partner - Brother’s Keeper, 2 SW Fort King Street, Ocala, FL 34474; 352-622-3846 or shoesterey@bkocala.org

Food Pantries

Regional Offices - Orlando and Leesburg

- \$300** Food pantries’ cost for food for a family of 4 for 1 week
- \$150** Food pantries’ cost for a family of 2 for 1 week
- \$75** Food pantries’ cost for 1 individual for 1 week

Adoption Services

Regional Office - Orlando

- \$2,500** Support for the birth mother
- \$2,000** Legal fees for adoptions
- \$1,000** Set up and furnishing a nursery
- \$500** Infant clothing
- \$250** Initial supply of infant formula
- \$100** Local transportation for birth mother



Peace and Blessings!

Suggested Annual Fund Program Adoption Levels

Mental Health & Pregnancy Counseling

Regional Offices - Orlando, Daytona Beach/Deltona/Deland, Cocoa and Lakeland

- \$320** Counseling for 1 month for individuals and families
- \$160** 2 weeks
- \$80** 1 week

HOUSING & SENIOR INDEPENDENCE

Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole & Volusia Counties

Low-Income Housing for Seniors

Orlando - St. Joseph’s Garden Court Apartments
St. Cloud - St. Anthony Garden Court Apartments (near Bishop Grady Villas)

- \$200** Utilities cost for 1 resident for 1 month
- \$75** Food cost for 1 resident for 1 week
- \$50** Transportation cost for 1 resident for 1 month

Transitional Housing for Single Women/Men and Children:

• **Orlando - Shepherd’s House and Common** for women / men at risk of homelessness with their children 8 years and under. This six month program provides support and resources for at risk, economically disadvantaged homeless single mothers in need of stability and affordable housing... prerequisites for becoming self-sufficient. These single parents learn necessary budgeting, parenting and interpersonal skills that will enable them to positive and effective choices to set a sound foundation on which to rebuild their lives. Separate facilities for women and men are provided.

- \$2,500** Living expense for 1 month for each family
- \$500** Living expense for 1 week for each family
- \$250** Life skills training expense for 1 month for each family
- \$250** Transportation expense for 1 month for each family
- \$225** Child care for 1 week for 1 child for each family



- \$100** Clothing expense for 6 months for each family
- \$75** Living expense for 1 day for each family
- \$75** Toys and educational supplies for 6 months for each family

Recently Remodeled Kitchen...

Each of Shepherd’s House duplex homes can accommodate 4 families with 2 families on each side. All 4 duplexes can house a total of 16 families. All of these buildings are 30 years old and in need of significant repair and renovations. If you are interested in donating construction labor, building and remodeling materials or financial support to complete this \$150,000 remodeling and repair project, please contact Patrick DiSalvatore in Charities’ Development Office at 407-473-6104 or pat.disalvatore@cfcc.org. Thank you!

