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Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

Thank you for all that you have done to help our needy neighbors over the past year in Brevard County. Our challenges have been great but our hope for greater opportunity for our clients has never been stronger, due in great part to your prayers 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 that we can while doing our work more efficiently and effectively. Our inspiration to keep moving forward comes from a holy place in each of our hearts.

Through our Emergency Family Assistance Program, our case managers, and counselors assisted our clients in moving past seemingly insurmountable challenges. Our clients were able to secure employment, increase their income, resolve emotional crises, avoid eviction or loss of utilities, and diminish the damage from abusive relationships and in many cases end the cycle of poverty. Our clients' successes inspire us, and they inspire others to push ahead even in their darkest moments.

Just recently, the Wilsons came to us after their infant's hospital stay. Mrs. Wilson left her job so that she could be with the baby at the hospital and stay home with her once she was discharged. Mr. Wilson had been underemployed for over eight months after his company downsized. They were behind in their rent and utilities and were at risk of losing their home. They have two other children in elementary school. Through our case management services, Catholic Charities was able to assist with two months of rent and past due electric and water bills. Our case manager assisted Mr. Wilson in cutting his utility costs and finding another part time job. The family is now stable and able to meet their monthly expenses on their own.

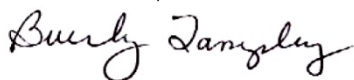
We are blessed with an unparalleled team of staff and volunteers. I have witnessed the generosity of so many throughout the year. With your help, we can provide hope to even more families who are falling between the gaps in our local social service programs.

We at Catholic Charities believe that when we help anyone, we find Christ in that person. (Mathew 25) People of all religions, races and social / economic status are having financial and emotional problems today. It is our mission to help where there is suffering and need in our midst.

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. Please consider a gift or pledge to our Annual Giving Appeal that will provide operating support and give to those in need today and all year. We appreciate your continuing prayers on our behalf. Thank you.

I am so grateful to serve an organization that is filled with faith, fueled with purpose, and passionate about finding creative and innovative ways to solve poverty. Warmest wishes from our staff, council members and volunteers in Brevard County for a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

In His Service,



Beverly Lampley  
Director, Southern Region







[www.brevardinterfaithcoalition.org](http://www.brevardinterfaithcoalition.org)

Through a grant from Brevard Family Partnership, Catholic Charities of Central Florida is the nonprofit agency selected to manage a local network of faith based providers who deliver case management and support services to strengthen local families in our community by providing:

- Coordination of the faith community to provide emergency services for families in need.
- Educational opportunities for the community to learn about the many support services provided by faith based organizations.
- Collaboration with the non profit community to provide support services and child abuse prevention training to faith groups.
- Fingerprinting and background checking for volunteers and staff in the faith community.
- Two annual events to promote child abuse prevention, education and training for the faith community.
- Coordination of monthly meetings of the faith community to plan and execute the mission of the BFP.

Brevard Family Partnership believes:

- Faith groups are strategically positioned to protect children, strengthen families and change lives
- Members of caring congregations make excellent foster and adoptive parents, mentors for youth and resources to support families in need.

#### Recent Activities and Accomplishments:

- Collected over 11,000 pounds of food during our annual Boy Scout Food Drive on November 13, 2010
- Registered 96 families for food stamps
- Placed 5 babies in adoptive homes
- Provided financial assistance, food, counseling and adoption services to over 9,900 individuals in 2009
- CCCF held the annual Fundraiser “Voyages in Adoption” at the Melbourne Rialto Hilton on October 9, 2010
- BIC held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FestivAll of Faiths at the Melbourne Auditorium on June 27, 2010
- BIC held the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Faith Leadership Training at the International Palms Resort in Cocoa Beach on October 29, 2010



Faith Leadership Training Conference



#### 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... 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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Southern Region – Brevard

Infant with Adoptive Parents

Birth Mother



## Annual Fund Appeal – Christmas 2011

### Suggested Program Adoption Levels

Thank you for considering the adoption of a Catholic Charities’ service program in Brevard County. Your financial support is vital to our ability to provide social services that are critical to our needy and hurting neighbors in the Southern 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.

If you are unable to adopt a service program at this time, your donation of any amount will be gratefully received. Together we can “provide hope and build opportunity.” Thank you.

**To Adopt the Brevard Interfaith Coalition, please enter “BIC” on the designation line in the gift/pledge form attached to the bottom of the enclosed letter.**

# WOMEN, CHILDREN & FAMILY INITIATIVE



North Brevard

## Catholic Charities of Central Florida has 3 Operating Locations in Brevard

### Melbourne: Main Brevard Administrative Office and South Brevard Service Center

This brand new office is now open at 3800 West Eau Gallie Blvd., Suite 101, Melbourne. 32934. It serves all of Brevard County and is convenient to areas south of the Pineda Causeway.

### Cocoa: North Brevard Service Center on the Campus of Blessed Sacrament Parish

This brand new office is located in the parish Missions Building located at 5145 North Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, 32927. Thanks to this new partnership between Blessed Sacrament and Catholic Charities, needy individuals and families residing north of Rte. 520 will be served out of this newly remodeled and expanded location. The leadership of Blessed Sacrament Pastor, Rev. Anthony F. Quinlivan, C.Ss.R. was integral to this expansion of service to North Brevard.

### Cocoa: Former Dixon Blvd. Office Location

This office is currently being used as a Thrift Store that serves all of Brevard County at 817 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa 32922.



South Brevard Ribbon Cutting  
11/21/11

### Emergency Family Services (EFS) or (FEAP-Family Emergency Assistance Program) provides -

- Emergency food, baby formula, hygiene products, and diapers.
- Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and toys for distribution.
- Financial assistance for utilities, rent, and mortgages to families in crisis.
- Case management services and resources to the families accessing Catholic Charities' services.
- Access photo ID cards to the homeless, assists clients in obtaining health insurance, Medicaid and food stamps through our community ACCESS program and recruits other faith based programs to participate in the county's HMIS information management system.
- Referrals to other community resources.

### Mental Health Counseling provides -

- Counseling for children, adolescents, and adults, individual, couple, marital, family, and group therapy.

- Anger management and parenting education.
- Therapists who are professionally trained and licensed in the State of Florida.
- Specialization in a variety of mental health disorders including: anxiety, depression, grief, adjustments to life altering events, trauma, phobias, ADHD and school success.
- Referrals for psychiatric and psychological evaluations.

### Pregnancy Counseling provides -

- Professional counseling for women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy.
- Counseling for the mother, father, and/or other family members before and after the birth of the child.
- Counseling to help with the decision making and problem solving process.
- Opportunities to discuss the options of single parenting, marriage, or adoption planning.
- Client referrals to other community resources as available and appropriate.

### Adoption Services provides -

- In-take services to receive inquiries from potential adoptive parents.
- Training for adoptive parents.
- Home studies.
- Placement options to the birth mother and encourages her to be involved in the placement process.
- Post-placement services including counseling, visits, referrals.
- Assistance with search and reunion services.
- Intermediary services between the birth parent(s) and adoptive parents for the life of the child.

### Disaster Relief and Recovery provides -

- Immediate financial assistance and crisis counseling
- Food and water
- Coordination of assistance with the 14 Catholic Churches throughout the county, PAFB Chapel and FIT Chaplain.
- Follow up financial assistance, food and counseling to those in need.
- Referrals to other community resources.

## You can help more of our needy neighbors throughout Brevard by Adopting Services and Programs suggested below...

### Emergency Family Services (EFS), Case Management & Disaster Relief:

This year more than 8,000 families will receive food from our pantry and emergency financial assistance program. 900 families will receive help for housing, including more than 150 homeless families and individuals.

- \$1,500** Disaster relief and recovery help for 1 family for 1 month
- \$1,000** Homeless prevention services and case management for a family of 5
- \$750** A mortgage payment for 1 month and landlord tenant mediation
- \$500** Apartment rent and utilities for 1 month
- \$500** One monthly electric bill for 5 families
- \$100** Medical care including prescription assistance for 1 person

- \$50** One monthly gas bill for a family
- \$30** One monthly water bill for a family

### Emergency Food Pantry Can Feed –

- \$250** 2 families of 5 for 1 week
- \$125** 1 family of 5 for 1 week
- \$75** 3 individuals for 1 week
- \$30** 1 homeless individual for 1 week

### Mental Health Counseling and Pregnancy and Adoption Services:

This year, some 600 families, individuals, couples and children will receive mental health therapy and pregnancy adoptions services. Catholic Charities is the lead agency for Choose Life funds for Brevard County to provide financial assistance to pregnant women with an adoption plan.

### Pregnancy and Adoption Services can Provide –

- \$3,000** Financial support for the birth mother for 3 months (rent, utilities, food)
- \$2,000** Legal fees for 1 adoption
- \$1,000** Interim care and basic needs for 1 newborn
- \$500** Clothing, formula and diapers for 1 infant while awaiting placement
- \$250** Initial supply of formula and diapers for 1 infant
- \$100** Local transportation for 1 birth mother (bus passes)
- \$50** 1 counseling session for 1 pregnant teen

### Mental Health Counseling can Provide Individual, Couples or Family Counseling for –

- \$200** 1 month
- \$100** 2 weeks
- \$50** 1 week