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Catholic Charities Western Region to Hold Derby Day

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Polk County – The 6th Annual Derby Day fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at The Club at Eaglebrooke, 1300 Eaglebrooke Boulevard, Lakeland. Derby Day, which coincides with the Kentucky Derby, is held each year to benefit local Catholic Charities of Central Florida programs.

The event, this year chaired by Nora Leto, features traditional Kentucky Derby food, racing related games, live viewing of the Kentucky Derby race, a ladies hat contest, as well as silent and live auctions.

“This year’s fundraiser is more important than ever,” Leto said. “Like most non-profits, we expect a decrease in funding next year, and we must be prepared. Our services are more important than ever – Agape Food Bank, which distributes 4.5 million pounds of food each year; My Sister’s House, to help women and their children who are at risk of homelessness; our Family Empowerment program; Lake Morton Senior Center, mental health counseling services . . . all are resources for people who are less fortunate in our community.” Catholic Charities also offers an adoption service.

Catholic Charities programs rely heavily on community support, and are open to anyone in the community who is in need of help. Event sponsorships are still available, and individual tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, contact Brenda Reddout, Western Region director, at 863.686.7153, ext. 3013.

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