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INTRODUCING CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF DELAWARE, OTSEGO, AND SCHOHARIE COUNTIES

Effective July 1, 2014, Catholic Charities of Schoharie County and Catholic Charities of Delaware and Otsego Counties combined into a single agency called Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties. Since both agencies are (and will remain) under the umbrella of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, this change is primarily administrative in nature. The change on July 1st does not affect Catholic Charities services or programs operating in the counties. Catholic Charities continues to serve all in need, regardless of faith, creed, race, or lifestyle. Residents of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties can continue to expect the same welcoming environment and high-quality services. Catholic Charities is committed to maintaining current locations and a physical presence in all three counties going forward.

This merger takes two smaller Catholic Charities agencies and makes them stronger by combining them at the administrative level. By connecting the expertise of the staff members in these geographic areas Catholic Charities will be in a better position to share ideas and communicate on issues important to the local communities. This will better position Catholic Charities for grants and government contracts by better reflecting the service delivery in the south western region of the Albany Diocese. The new agency gives the three-county region a bigger voice and better positions Catholic Charities to speak out on the issues affecting rural New Yorkers and those living in Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties.

The staff and Board are committed to continuing to ensure high quality services and programs are offered by Catholic Charities that serve those in need in Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties.

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Alternatives to Incarceration
Caring Connections
Child at Risk Response Team
Clinical Support Services
Crime Victims Program
Domestic Violence Program
Food Pantry
Thrift Shop

RECOGNIZING GREAT EVENTS AND GREAT PEOPLE



Summer Food Service Program

Volunteers from the First United Presbyterian Church ("Red Door Church"), as well as other community members made and served lunches daily from July 7-August 29 at Neahwa Park in Oneonta to children through age 18 years. The program was sponsored by Catholic Charities and provided approximately 2,000 meals for children.



Show your support for Catholic Charities Schoharie County Domestic Violence Program. **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** Wear purple to raise awareness for victims of Domestic Violence.



Grand and Glorious Yard Sale

Catholic Charities once again participated in the Grand and Glorious Sale on Main Street in Oneonta on September 6th.



Thanksgiving Baskets

The Catholic Charities Schoharie County Food Pantry sponsors a Thanksgiving Basket Project which provides families with a turkey and all the trimmings if they are unable to provide a dinner for their family. In 2013, Catholic Charities served 721 people with 142 Thanksgiving baskets.



The 3rd Annual Tower Shoot

October 4th, 2014

Mountainview Preserve and Kennels
Frank and Barbara Cavalieri along with Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties and the Delaware County Veteran's Association sponsored the 3rd Annual Tower Shoot on October 4th. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities Caring Connections program for veterans.



Tee It Up For Our Neighbors

August 22, 2014

The Catholic Charities Annual Golf Tournament was held at the Cobleskill Golf and Country Club on August 22nd. Approximately \$10,000 was raised to support the programs and services offered by Catholic Charities.



Keeping Our Community Warm... One Brick at a Time

Fundraiser for heating assistance will run from October 15th - March 31st. Bricks can be purchased for \$50 each. Purchase a brick as an individual or as a group!



3rd Annual Fall Festival

October 11, 2014

Catholic Charities Schoharie County Thrift Shop held its 3rd Annual Fall Festival on October 11th. All funds raised will help support our remodel as we renovate our food pantry location and services.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAMS

Summer Food Service Program

On July 7th, Catholic Charities began serving lunch five days per week in Oneonta's Neahwa Park through the Summer Food Service Program, a national meal program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. The site served children through 18 years of age, no questions asked. Catholic Charities sponsored the program with the support of volunteers from the First United Presbyterian Church of Oneonta.



Food instability is a serious issue that gets worse in the summer. During the school year children receive one or more meals in school. In the summer that option isn't available. Many families do not have the resources to make up for that loss so children do not get enough to eat. The Summer Food Service Program offers some relief. Meals served consisted of sandwiches, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

There was a lot of community support for the program and Catholic Charities has been so thankful for all of their support. Businesses such as Stewarts, BJ's, Hannaford, McDonald's and HP Hood, LLC all

helped with food and supplies. The City of Oneonta Recreation Department helped through use of the large pavilion in the park, the churches and community members helped with meal preparation and meal service. The local media helped to spread the word with wonderful stories about the program and the families came out to have lunch.



While the lunch program is funded only to feed children, sites have the option to feed adults as long as the cost was not charged to the Summer Food Service Program. Whenever there was enough to do so, adults requesting lunch were served. We all agreed that we didn't want anyone to leave our site hungry. Catholic Charities was very pleased to be able to bring this needed program to our community this year and we are already looking forward to next year!

Victim Impact Panel

Impaired driving is a major community concern in Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties, and Catholic Charities is hosting impact panels as a positive step to address the issue. Victim Impact Panels are held for offenders of impaired driving in our counties. Judges may order an offender into treatment and to attend one of these community sessions. Here, DWI / Impaired Driving offenders hear from experts in Alcohol abuse, on what alcohol does to the body; Emergency Medical Technicians about the damage of automobile crashes; and surviving family members and victims of drunk driving accidents. These sessions are held to promote dialog and education on this important issue impacting rural communities. More than 96% of attendants to victim impact panels say that the presentations have made a difference in their decisions not to drink and drive in the future. Victim Impact Panels are held six times per year and locations include Delhi, Oneonta, and Norwich.



Food Pantry

Catholic Charities Schoharie County Food Pantry, located in the village of Cobleskill, provides a four day supply of food for individuals and families who temporarily lack the resources to purchase food. Our food pantry has been in operation for over 30 years.



This year we are updating our services in the food pantry to include client choice, which will allow individuals to select the food items they would like from each food group. As a result of moving to client choice we are re-locating the pantry in order to become handicapped accessible so that we can serve all clients. The food pantry's hours will also be expanding to include Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and then from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. We will be serving walk-ins with no appointment necessary in the spring. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the food pantry, both in stocking shelves, unloading boxes and assisting clients as they access the pantry. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Schoharie office at (518) 234-3581.

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OUR WISH LIST

Catholic Charities dedicates itself to providing assistance to the poor and vulnerable in Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties. Our success is due, largely, to the gifts and donations that we receive from our neighbors. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can find information on our website at www.charitiesccdos.org. We can also use several material items to help, as well. Any donation is appreciated, and can include the following:

- Diapers (any size)
- Baby Blankets
- Local Bus Tokens/Passes
- \$15 gas cards
- Non-Perishable Food Pantry Items
- Baby Wipes
- Clothing for babies, toddlers or preschoolers
- Toiletries
- Bath towels/wash clothes
- Fresh Apples/Potatoes for Thanksgiving Baskets (*prior to 11/24/14*)

Also, gift cards are great for people in need of some items that we may not be able to store in our offices. \$10 gift cards to the following places can make a world of difference:

- Walmart
- Family Dollar / Dollar Store
- KMart