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2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties has continued to be busy in 2014 serving our local communities. Last year we served 7,094 individuals with a variety of programs and services aimed at assisting the poor and vulnerable.

Catholic Charities of Delaware and Otsego Counties and Catholic Charities of Schoharie County officially merged into one agency called Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties in July of 2014. Our physical locations, programs, and services remained the same and we continued to grow and add programs to address unmet needs in our local communities.

Our Caring Connections Program expanded in 2014, serving more individuals and families, increasing community involvement through the use of additional trained volunteers, and extending partnerships with area churches and other human service providers. In 2014, Caring Connections served 2,703 individuals with over \$46,000 in financial assistance to meet basic needs.

2014 also saw for the first time, Catholic Charities sponsoring the Summer Meal Program in Neahwa Park in the City of Oneonta. The Summer Meal Program is sponsored in part by the New York State Education Department, and provides free lunches for any child through age 18. Our program ran for eight weeks in July and August and served just under 1,800 lunches. Catholic Charities led a community-wide collaboration, including an area church that provided volunteers to make and serve the lunches, teachers from Greater Plains School District who brought a book-mobile so children could continue to read throughout the summer, and other community members who brought information for parents on area resources to the site.

Our food pantry in Cobleskill provides a four day supply of emergency food for individuals and families who temporarily lack the resources to purchase food. We updated our services in 2014 to include client choice, which allows individuals to select the food items they would like from each food group. As a result of moving to client choice we have relocated the pantry in order to become handicap accessible so that we can serve all clients. The food pantry's hours expanded in 2014 to include Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and then from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. In 2014, 1,429 were served through the Catholic Charities' food pantry in Schoharie County.

The Delaware and Otsego County Cash Coalition is just wrapping up its second year. Last year the Delaware and Otsego County Cash Coalition served approximately 40 families and individuals with free tax preparation. Catholic Charities played a pivotal role in the Cash Coalition. In 2014, which was its first year of operation, Catholic Charities assisted in the recruitment of volunteers and served as the point of access to the Coalition by scheduling appointments for individuals and families looking for free tax preparation. Catholic Charities provided the same services for this year's tax season for the Coalition.

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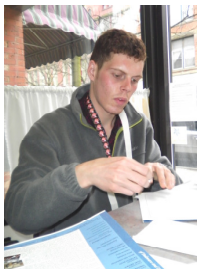
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Catholic Charities is proud to say that we are able to help the surrounding communities in multiple areas of focus. The programs that we offer include Alternatives to Incarceration, Adult Treatment Court Case Management, Caring Connections, Child Care Provider Support Services, Child at Risk Response Team, Clinical Support Services, Crime Victims Program, Dispute Resolution Center, Domestic Violence Program, Food Pantry, Summer Food Service Program, Thrift Shop, and Victim Impact Panels.

In 2014 Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie was able to serve 7,094 individuals, including 2,541 children and 149 seniors, in various programs that we offer:

- 356 individuals participated in the Alternatives to Incarceration program (ATI).
- 156 individuals attended a Victims Impact Panel (VIP) presentation.
- 25 individuals served through the Otsego County Adult Treatment Court Case Management program.
- 75 Legally Exempt Child Care Providers enrolled.
- 137 mediations, conciliations and facilitations conducted by the Dispute Resolution Center in areas such as custody/visitation, divorce, special education, small claims, and agricultural mediation. The Dispute Resolution Center served 1,799 individuals.
- 2,703 adults, children and seniors were helped through our Caring Connections program
 - \$46,398 of assistance was paid for with the help of various fundraisers throughout the year and the support of local churches and local foundations.
 - Caring Connections assisted: 635 individuals with their transportation needs; 535 individuals with their utility needs; 203 individuals with their housing needs; 1,523 with food; 1,236 with other basic needs.
- 50 children were served through the Child At Risk Response Team.
- 228 individuals were served through the Domestic Violence Program.
- 1,429 individuals received an emergency supply of food from our Food Pantry in Cobleskill.
- 6,222 completed transactions in our Thrift Shop in Cobleskill.
- 87 individuals were provided with counseling and mental health services through the Clinical Support Services.
- 1,785 lunches were served to children through age 18 through the Summer Food Service Program.
- 25 day care providers participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, receiving \$115,353 in reimbursement for 71,696 nutritious meals served to children in care.



As an agency we appreciate the commitment and support of our volunteers.

- 17 volunteers donated 444 hours to the Caring Connections program.
 - 3 volunteers donated 46 hours to the Food Pantry.
- 30 volunteer mediators donated 680 hours to the Dispute Resolution Center.
 - 8 volunteers donated 2436 hours to the Thrift Shop.
 - 2 volunteers donated 65 hours to the Domestic Violence Program.
- 34 volunteers helped prepare and serve lunches to children in the Summer Food Service Program for approximately 800 hours.
- 9 student interns and volunteers provided 780 hours of support to agency programs.

RECOGNIZING GREAT EVENTS AND GREAT PEOPLE



Help Your Community Grow... One Drop at a Time

This fundraiser begins on
April 15, 2015.

Stop by the Oneonta office on Main
Street and purchase a
raindrop or a flower for \$1
or a watering can for \$5.



Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry in Cobleskill was
relocated this past fall and has
moved to client choice.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Catholic Charities Schoharie County
Domestic Violence Program
celebrated Domestic Violence
Awareness Month last October by
holding several events including a
bake sale at Walmart and a fall
festival at the agency's thrift shop.



Summer Food Service Program

Catholic Charities will once again
sponsor the Summer Food Service
Program in Oneonta's Neahwa Park
this July and August. This free lunch
program is open to all children
through age 18 years.



Lantern Hill Community Center Field Day with Hartwick Greek Life



Thanksgiving Baskets

Our Schoharie County Food Pantry
sponsors a Thanksgiving Basket
Project which provides families a
turkey and all the trimmings if they
are unable to provide a dinner for
their family. In 2014, we provided
757 individuals with 143 baskets.



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

This heating assistance fundraiser
ran from October 15th - April 1st and
had donations totaling approximately
\$2,145. Thank you to our major
sponsors including New York Central
Mutual Insurance, Fidelis Care,
National Grid Foundation, and
Eddie Leone in memory of
Arthur S. Hall.



A Very Special Thank You
to Mary Beth Windrith for creating a
software program for our Caring
Connections Program. This software
enables Caring Connections
volunteers to enter data easier and
enables a more accurate way of
reporting statistics. Mary Beth has
over 400 hours of volunteer time into
this project!



4th Annual Pasta Dinner

Our Annual Pasta Dinner was held on
March 11, 2015 at the Holiday Inn
Oneonta. The dinner raised
approximately \$6,000 for the
essential services that Catholic
Charities provides. Thank you to our
major sponsors: The Holiday Inn
Oneonta, SEFCU, Jo-Ann LaMonica,
County Club Motors, Harlem & Jervis,
Jack McDonald/Ameriprise Financial,
Oneonta Block Co. / Pickett Building
Materials, and Sterling Insurance Co.

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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)
- Local Bus Tokens/Passes
- \$15 gas cards
- Non-Perishable Food Pantry Items
(some of our most popular items are
tuna, peanut butter, canned soups/stews,
canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce)
- Baby Wipes
- Toiletries
- Bath towels/wash clothes

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