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## Catholic Charities Moves Offices to Richmondville

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Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties has offices in Sidney, Oneonta, and until April, in Cobleskill. The Schoharie County offices have moved to Richmondville as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Catholic Charities has served Schoharie County since 1976. During that time the programs offered by the agency grew and changed. The agency provides Schoharie County's domestic violence program, the child advocacy center, a thrift store, emergency assistance, a food pantry, a counseling program, and a Code Blue Warming Station, among other programs. The agency has changed the programs with the changing needs of the community. There have been cuts in funding and programs that have affected what the agency offered. In 2012, Catholic Charities of Schoharie County merged with Catholic Charities of Delaware and Otsego Counties. The merger in a time of reduced programming and cuts in government contracts was able to provide cost savings that turned into growth as the needs began once again to shift in the counties. With growth, came additional staff and a need for additional space.

When the agency began seriously looking for new office space in 2024, the space at 489 West Main had people tripled up in offices. Each time there was a new program proposed, there was a shuffle until there were programs that were coming without space to put them. In searching for space, we were searching for one large enough for growth and centrally located for accessibility. A visit to the space located in Richmondville proved to bear fruit. The space is centrally located on State Route 7, is on the bus route, is fully handicapped accessible, and is large enough to house all of our current programs located in Schoharie County with room to grow.

The process to bring the move to fruition involved many people including staff, volunteers, paid help, and the kindness of those around us. We began planning in the fall. Catholic Charities in Schoharie County had occupied the two buildings at 487 and 489 West Main Street in Cobleskill for nearly 50 years. The space was full of more than people. There was a lot of sorting, clearing out, and packing to be done. We worked at it throughout the winter and spring. Even with all of the down-sizing that we had done, we have a lot of "stuff." In the end, it took us a tractor trailer, a horse trailer, and two moving trucks that did three trips each, and multiple loads in staff and volunteer vehicles to move everything to our new space. We closed for a week, though we continued to be available and meet the needs of our clients.

Our Thrift Shop re-opened on May 21st. It is a bright, lovely spacious shop. We were excited to open the shop to the public again and have everyone see the new space. We have established new policies around donations, including what we will accept to sell, and when we will accept donations. Anyone interested in donating should call for information.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> had our very successful Open House. We welcomed the community to come and see where we are located and the considerations for service that have gone into the design of our new space. We look forward to seeing you in the future at our new space as we continue to provide services to those in need.

## COMING SOON!



**Summer Food Service Program**  
July - August  
Monday—Friday  
11:00 to 11:30 am  
Greater Plains, Oneonta  
Wilber Park Pool, Oneonta



**Save the date:**  
Mohawk Valley Gives is September 19th!  
You can be part of the celebration by giving to your favorite nonprofit! Join our "Giving Day"! Visit [www.givemv.org](http://www.givemv.org) to find out more



**Save the date:**  
Roll The Dice  
LCR Tournament Fundraiser  
July 10, 2025  
5:00 to 8:00 pm  
Community Cultural Center, Sidney  
NY



176 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820  
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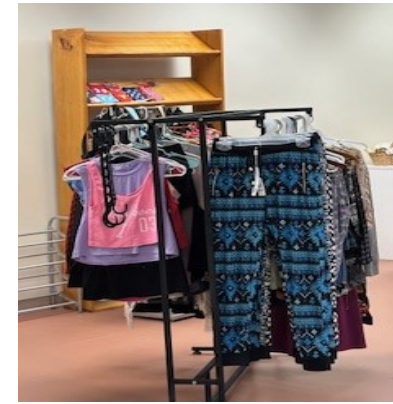
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Catholic Charities is proud to say that we are able to help the surrounding communities in multiple areas of focus. We offer a variety of programs and services that meet the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

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

- 16 volunteers donated 711.25 hours to the Food Pantry.
- 7 volunteers donated 110.5 hours to the Caring Connections Program.
- 18 volunteer mediators donated 242 hours to the Dispute Resolution Center.
  - 16 volunteers donated 917.5 hours to the Thrift Shop.
  - 1 volunteer donated 1 hour to the Domestic Violence Program.
- 40 volunteers donated 543.75 hours preparing and serving lunches to children in the Summer Food Service Program.
  - 20 volunteers donated 1,526 hours to the Senior Support Services Program in Otsego County.
  - 10 Board Members donated approximately 525 hours.
- In all, 56 volunteers donated 3,392.25 hours to Catholic Charities service programs in 2024.



The Thrift store in the new Schoharie location located at 1455 State Hwy 7 Richmondville NY

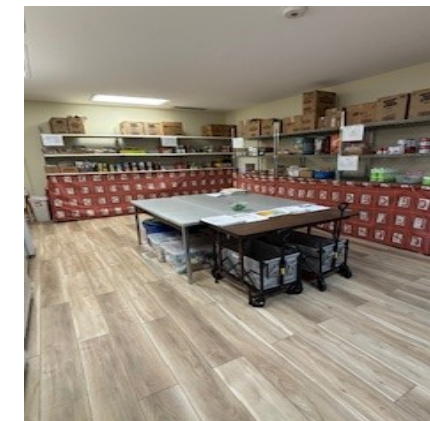


On June 5, 2025 Catholic Charities Delaware Otsego Schoharie was recognized as Non Profit of the year by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce.



**In 2024 Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties was able to serve approximately 17,200 individuals in various programs that we offer:**

- 58 individuals participated in the Alternatives to Incarceration Program (ATI).
- 98 children were served through the Child At Risk Response Team.
- 120 individuals attended a Victims Impact Panel (VIP) presentation.
- 471 individuals were served through the Domestic Violence Program, including 38 individuals who were housed in our 9 bed residential safe house.
- 828 individuals received an emergency supply of food from our Food Pantry in Cobleskill.
- 634 individuals received an emergency supply of food from our Food Pantry in Sidney that opened in July 2024.
- 19 legally Exempt Child Care Providers enrolled.
- 7767 completed transactions in our Thrift Shop in Cobleskill.
- 297 mediations, conciliations and facilitations were 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 827 individuals.
- 95 individuals were provided with counseling and mental health services through the Clinical Support Services Program.
- 1441 adults, children and seniors were helped through our Caring Connections Program.
  - Caring Connections assisted 730 individuals with their transportation needs; 178 individuals with their utility needs; 108 individuals with their housing needs; 425 with food needs.
- 60 individuals served through the Family Support Services Program.
- 282 individuals sought temporary shelter in Schoharie & Otsego County Warming Stations over cold winter months.
- 2,363 lunches were served to children and adults through the Summer Food Service Program.
- 10 day care providers participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, receiving \$55,635 in reimbursement for 30,548 nutritious meals served to children in child care.
- 571 individuals were served through the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program.
- 100 grocery gift cards were provided to families in the Oneonta School District during the Christmas/New Year break.
- 154 individuals were served through our housing programs in Otsego and Schoharie Counties.



The spacious Food Pantry in the new Schoharie location, located at 1455 State Hwy 7 Richmondville NY



The Child Care Team has been visiting classrooms and home programs to talk with children about their teeth. Through funds from The Community Foundation Grant they were able to purchase tooth brushing kits for all children in the programs that they visited!



Through funds from The Community Foundation Grant, our Child Care Services Program was able to purchase winter outdoor gear for child care programs to use and have for children/families when needed.