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Catholic Charities continues to be successful because of the generosity, hard work, and thoughtfulness of so many people.

Despite these trying times, Catholic Charities has been able to remain effective in its many endeavors. The agency has been successful because of the countless people willing to share what they have so that others may enjoy better lives and brighter tomorrows.

The following is a medley of recent success stories that demonstrate how Catholic Charities—with your continued assistance—is making a big difference in people's lives.

A celebration of service

One way in which Catholic Charities serves a wide swath of northern Indiana is through the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP). Catholic Charities sponsors thriving RSVP chapters headquartered in South Bend, Elkhart, and Auburn.

RSVP enlists people 55 and older to volunteer with a wide variety of organizations, such as hospitals, libraries, and social service agencies. It's an excellent way for RSVP members to stay active, learn new skills, and socialize. The work performed by RSVP members, who have lifetimes of experience in countless fields, enables organizations to redirect their precious resources to other areas of need.

RSVP members also collect and distribute winter clothing to people in need and provide new backpacks filled with school supplies to students from low-income

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On hand when Fort Wayne was officially named an All-American City for 2009 (see page 8) were (from left) Shifiqullah Fahim, Debbie Schmidt, and Nyein Chan. Shifiqullah, a refugee from Afghanistan, was a Lilly Scholarship Award recipient.



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Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese

Together, we will persevere

When I see George Mizer's new yellow truck with the Catholic Charities logo on the door, I realize that despite whatever problems have presented themselves that day, everything's going to be OK.

Why? Because that truck is tangible proof that people are generous. People care. That's what Catholic Charities depends on, after all. That truck is here only because school children, parishioners, and many others donated money for it. They believe we will make good use of that truck to benefit those in need, and we do.

You can look at our Web site on any day of the week and see all of the items that are needed for the folks at Villa of the Woods, the young mothers and babies in our ECHO program, the families who visit our food pantries, and those who turn to our Brief Services and programs for refugees.

Many of the items on that list will be donated by people like you. And those items will often be picked up by George Mizer, who spends his time driving that yellow truck.

Thank you for all that you have given to our agency. And our community. Your generosity made Fort Wayne an All-American City for the third time running. Your time, your items, your money, and your prayers are what make our agency able to make a difference in so many lives. Now, more than ever, our ability to help others depends on you.

Looking out the window at George in his truck, I feel more than OK about that.



Debbie Schmidt, M.Ed.

A smoother move

Thanks to the efforts of St. Vincent de Paul parishioners and many others, George Mizer has a new truck to use when he picks up and delivers furniture and other items donated to help refugees set up housekeeping in Fort Wayne.

George, the husband of Phyllis Mizer, a longtime Brief Services case manager, had been using his own 1988 Chevy Silverado pick-up truck to get the job done for the last five years.

The new truck, a 2005 GMAC, has a 15-foot enclosed box for transporting items. It was made possible through a fundraising drive spearheaded by Jan Moore, volunteer coordinator, and her husband, Max. The Moores solicited funds from several quarters, including their parish, St. Vincent de Paul, and area Catholic high schools.

"I really appreciate what Jan and Max and everyone else did to make this truck possible, and I know Catholic Charities really appreciates it too," George says. "I can pick up a lot more at one time with this truck, and it really comes in handy in bad weather, when we can still do pickups and deliveries and keep things dry."



George Mizer with the agency's new box truck.

Upcoming events

Children's Cottage: In October, students will enjoy the Harvest Party, Picture Day, and a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch. Head Start screenings (height, weight, dental, vision, hearing) will be conducted in November. Contact Rhonda Lewis at (260) 745-4929.

Adoption information meetings: Catholic Charities conducts monthly adoption information meetings at the agency's Fort Wayne offices, 315 East Washington Boulevard. Different types of adoptions and the application process are discussed, and questions are answered. Held on the first Thursday of each month, meetings begin promptly at 10 a.m. and end by 11. No preregistration is required. Please arrive on time and check in with the receptionist at the front desk. Child-care services are not available. Parking is available in the lot on the corner of Washington Boulevard and Lafayette Street, and also in the metered lot on the corner of East Wayne and Barr streets.

Volunteer opportunities

Children's Cottage
During the summer months, students from Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools volunteer at Children's Cottage, reading to students and joining in other activities and field trips. Students from other area high schools are welcome to volunteer as well. Contact Rhonda Lewis at (260) 745-4929.

FAKT
The Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Care Training program is seeking professionals from the community to present one- to three-hour programs to foster, adoptive, and kinship caregivers. Topics must be relevant to either fostering children or the needs of children. Times and dates would be at the presenter's convenience.

Enrollment at Children's Cottage has tripled within the past year, and the infant room has been at full capacity.

Did you know?

Some of Indiana's rural counties have as few as five foster homes.

There are 518,000 children in the United States awaiting adoption.

Catholic Charities has two counselors, and two volunteer counselors.

Immigration: A new round of citizenship classes is tentatively set to run from 4 to 6 p.m., September 1 to October 20, at Catholic Charities in Fort Wayne. Contact Tatiana Menzie at (260) 422-5625.

Contact Robin Springstead at (260) 422-5625, ext. 223, or robins@mchsi.com.

Immigration
Volunteers are needed to assist with English-as-a-second-language and citizenship classes and to translate documents into languages other than Spanish. Contact Theresa Teders at (260) 422-5625, ext. 264.



Auburn-based RSVP members who served more than 1,000 hours in the last year included, front row, from left: Grace Ley, Mary Lou Freed, Joyce Thomas, Mildred Gaff, and Lorraine Henderson. Middle row, from left: Jane Norris, Louise Kessler, Ann Kelham, Betty Lou Stomm, and Eleanor Steller. Back row: state Sen. Bob Meeks, master of ceremonies.

families. They also handcraft comfort items for hospital patients young and old and facilitate screenings for amblyopia (lazy eye) among children. Moreover, RSVP of DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, and Steuben Counties operates the Community Center of Caring Food Pantry at its headquarters in Auburn.

All RSVP chapters also sponsor events to recognize their members. In April, RSVP of DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, and Steuben celebrated the efforts of its 450 members with volunteer-recognition picnics in Auburn, LaGrange, Kendallville, and Angola. And there was much to celebrate. Over the last year, that chapter's members contributed more than 125,000 hours of service, valued at \$2,531,250 by Independent Sector, a leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs.

Providing an opportunity for both recognition and recruitment, the picnics were held during National Volunteer Week. "Our recognition picnics are very informal events, chances to relax and enjoy some good company, food, and refreshments," says Patti Sheppard, program director for the Auburn-based RSVP. "We do encourage our current members to bring any friends who might be interested in volunteering through RSVP. Then we have an opportunity to chat one on one with those prospective volunteers, and we always enlist new members this way."

The most basic need

Requests for assistance from Catholic Charities' food pantry in South Bend have been a reflection of the economy. The number of clients jumped from fewer than 300 in February to nearly 500 in April.

"Although we typically serve low-income families and individuals, there's been an increase in middle-class people who have lost their jobs seeking assistance," says Jo Fisher, administrator of Catholic Charities' West Region offices in South Bend. "The demand for food does ease slightly at the beginning of the month when many people receive food stamps or Social Security checks."

And as the need has grown, donations have waned somewhat. There have even been shortages at the food bank where the pantry buys much of the food it distributes. The pantry gets a big boost every month through a check from St. Pius X Parish in Granger, but to counter the drop in food donations, Jo actively encourages area businesses and organizations to hold their own food drives to help stock the pantry.

The pantry recently benefited from drives held by Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame financial department. The St. Joseph Visiting Nurses Association has a very special ongoing drive. Employees are allowed to wear blue jeans on Fridays if they bring in canned goods for the pantry. "They wear pins that say, 'Ask Me Why I'm Wearing Jeans,'" Jo says. "That's a great way to raise awareness."

The pantry recently revised its hours to better serve clients. The new hours are Mondays

and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon, Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. "But if someone comes in, for example, on a Thursday afternoon, we'll try to accommodate them," Jo says. "We know that many of them have to walk, take a bus, or get a ride with someone else to get here, so we don't want to inconvenience them—or send them away with nothing to eat over the weekend."

"There's always a need, so we always welcome donations of nonperishable food items and other products such as household paper products," Jo adds. "And, of course, monetary donations are always gratefully accepted."

A good head start

On June 13, nine students graduated from Head Start at Children's Cottage, Catholic Charities' licensed child-care center in Fort Wayne. Providing services for children from 6 weeks to 12 years old, Children's Cottage is the only all-day, year-round child-care facility in Fort Wayne. Children's Cottage provides quality child care and education to families with low or moderately low incomes. The center encourages parental involvement through monthly meetings and parent-teacher conferences.

Children's Cottage uses the High/Scope curriculum, a child-centered program that puts the emphasis on learning through fun activities. Frequent field trips are part of that educational fun. Children also enjoy, nutritious breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

Head Start, a program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, was initiated in 1964. At any given time, there are about 25 students ages 3 to 5 in Head Start at Children's Cottage.

"Head Start graduation is always a big day here at Children's Cottage," says Rhonda Lewis, director of children's services. "It's an exciting day for the students and their proud parents."

"Head Start is a wonderful program," Rhonda continues. "Students learn through play. They learn colors, numbers, language, literacy, and social skills. They learn everything they need to know before they enter kindergarten."

The Children's Cottage Head Start Class of 2009, with Director Rhonda Lewis, includes (from left) Tristen Cooper, Kyaira Clark, Esmeralda William, Kanayia Ware, Teana Davila, Jamarion Woods, Xaviar Kruckeberg, Mahelat Lee, and (not pictured) Kaneisha Parks.

In addition to teaching the basics to students in a nurturing environment, Children's Cottage also instills something very important in parents, and that's trust. "Parents are understandably cautious about leaving their children in someone else's care, especially for the first time," Rhonda says. "I think that when parents see how hard we work to ensure the safety and well-being of their children, it gives them the confidence they need to leave their children in our care while they pursue self-sufficiency at their jobs or through continuing education."



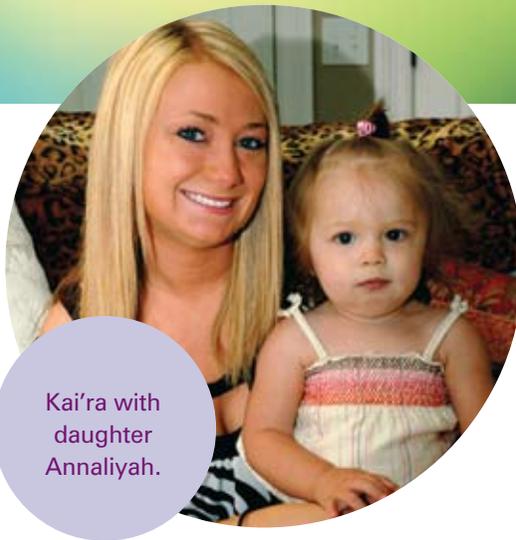
A grateful grad

Kai'ra Smith was one of 16 ECHO (Education Creates Hope and Opportunity) clients to graduate from high school this spring. ECHO provides guidance, referrals, and encouragement to pregnant and parenting teenagers. The goal of the program is to help

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young mothers stay in school and graduate, thus increasing the chance that they and their children will have brighter futures.

While coping with an untimely pregnancy and then parenthood can be a significant challenge for any ECHO client, Kai'ra's situation was exacerbated by the declining health and death of her mother, Sandra. Kai'ra was referred to ECHO in October 2007. The mounting stress generated by her mother's illness caused Kai'ra to go into false labor several times beginning in the third month of her pregnancy. Sandra died in January 2008, two months before Kai'ra gave birth to her daughter Annalayah.



Kai'ra with daughter Annalayah.

It was a very sad and difficult time for Kai'ra, but she found a friend and mentor in Alison Gerardot, an ECHO case manager. "I greatly appreciate all the help I received from Alison and ECHO," Kai'ra says. "Alison helped me set goals and then meet those goals. She helped me find the day care I wanted and baby items at a reduced cost, and she referred me to other agencies that could help me. She was there with pretty much anything I needed, even a tutor to help me with my schoolwork."

Another example of how Alison covered all the bases came when Kai'ra was left off the list for an important SAT-preparation class taken by all seniors at Snider High School in Fort Wayne. Kai'ra had studied at the Anthis Career Center as a junior, so she was inadvertently omitted from the class when she returned to Snider as a senior. "I would have missed the class had Alison not made sure I was enrolled," Kai'ra says.

Kai'ra graduated from Snider this spring and has enrolled at Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne, where she plans to major in elementary education.

Kai'ra has the right stuff to succeed. "She's a great mom and a very good person in general," Alison says. "Kai'ra's very responsible for her age and very trustworthy. She cares about other people and is willing to extend a helping hand. She's even helped other girls in her situation. I'm glad I got the chance to know her."

A day to remember

On June 26, a World Refugee Day celebration was hosted at Villa of the Woods, Catholic Charities' community for older adults in Fort Wayne. World Refugee Day was established by a United Nations General Assembly resolution in 2000. Observed around the globe, it's a day to salute the indomitable spirit, courage, and resilience of refugees everywhere.

The festivities at Villa of the Woods included a slide presentation featuring glimpses of the homelands of refugees resettled in the Fort Wayne area and the music and food of some of those countries. Some refugees wore clothes native to their countries of origin, and some addressed those gathered to express their appreciation for the help they've received and the newfound hope they've found.

Nearly 1,500 refugees from Burma alone were resettled in the Fort Wayne area in 2007 and 2008. Catholic Charities has played a vital role in locating housing, providing household goods, facilitating medical checkups and educational opportunities, and securing employment.

Based largely on the efforts of Catholic Charities and the

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A picture-perfect outcome

In July 2006, Nyein Chan, director of refugee resettlement, traveled to Southeast Asia. On Nyein's itinerary was Mae La, one of several refugee camps in Thailand along its border with Burma. With a population of more than 50,000 Burmese, Mae La is the largest of such camps. A former refugee himself, Nyein had lived in a camp similar to Mae La before he came to the United States in 1994.

Nyein took several photos at Mae La, two of which appeared in *The Clarion* (No. 3, 2006). In one of those photos were two girls fetching water for their family. "I didn't know the girls; I just thought at the time that they would make a good picture," Nyein recalls.

Fast forward to more recent days, when Nyein was preparing an electronic presentation featuring photos from his 2006 sojourn. Because so many Burmese refugees have been resettled in the Fort Wayne area in recent years, Nyein doesn't always meet every member of an arriving family. Refugee resettlement caseworkers, however, become acquainted with every member of the families they're assigned.

So, imagine Nyein's surprise when caseworker Karen Bender saw the photo of the two girls in Nyein's presentation and told him that the girls—sisters Pu Pu Win and Ni Ni Win—and their family had arrived in Fort Wayne in March 2008. "I was delighted to learn that the girls were here and adapting well," Nyein says. "It's a very happy coincidence."

It was a long time in coming. The girls' father, Hu Sin, and their mother, Ca Tun, had lived in refugee settlements in Burma and then refugee camps in Thailand for nearly two decades. On several occasions while they were still living in Burma, they came under attack by government forces and were forced to flee. Pu Pu, now 14, was just 2 weeks old on one of those occasions.

The family is Karen, a Burmese minority, and Muslim. Pu Pu and Ni Ni's siblings include sisters War War Win, 8, and Let Let Win, 4, and brother Nin Ming, 11.

Pu Pu and Ni Ni, 12, are students at Prince Chapman Academy, a public middle school. Both girls say they want to become doctors. "I like the opportunity we're given to learn here," Pu Pu says. "I want to learn more English so I can go anywhere in the world," Ni Ni chimes in.

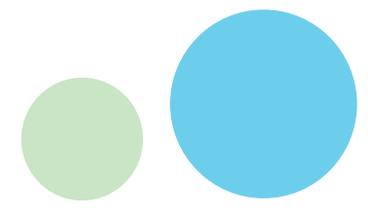
Accustomed to having nothing—save dreams of a better life—Pu Pu and Ni Ni are very happy in their new surroundings. They say they like everything about life here, especially the clothing and the food. They do have a wish list, of course, and on it is an Internet connection at home. They've become accustomed to using online learning resources at school.

For Hu Sin, the family patriarch, it's all about having a sense of security and peace of mind. "I feel that my family is safe here, and I feel like we have a country now," he says. "When we were living in the camps, it didn't feel as though we had a country to call home."



Sisters Pu Pu (right) and Ni Ni.





broader community to help refugees, Fort Wayne was recently designated an All-American City for 2009 by the National Civic League.

"For us, World Refugee Day is a celebration of the resettlement of refugees in the United States, particularly here in Allen County," says Lisa Young, Catholic Charities assistant director. "We hold this celebration as a thank you to the community for providing resources, friendship, and volunteers."

Nyein Chan, director of Catholic Charities' refugee resettlement services, a former refugee himself, says World Refugee Day is a time to reflect—and have some fun. "We gather to recognize the plight of the millions of refugees in the world and the hardships they endure every day. We also celebrate the many success stories of refugees living well in the United States because of the helping hand they've received from so many kind, wonderful people. It is a celebration, so we make sure everyone has a good time too."

Among those celebrating World Refugee Day were (from left) Megan Brooks and Shannon Miller of Rep. Mark Souder's staff, Debbie Schmidt, and Nyein Chan.

Meet Sara Lane, Family Services Coordinator

Sara Lane is back where she belongs, and she couldn't be happier. Sara, the new family services coordinator, served as an adoption specialist for the agency some 10 years ago before she and her husband, James, started their family.

"It's wonderful to be with Catholic Charities again," Sara says. "This is truly rewarding work. It's great to be involved in adoption again, helping couples who want to grow their families through adoption but can't have biological children of their own. I'm also part of our effort to assist young women dealing with unplanned pregnancies, and that's very fulfilling as well."

Sara, a Fort Wayne-area native, earned a bachelor's degree in social work at Manchester College before working as a home-based family-preservation case manager for Family Service Society in Marion for two years. In 1998, she began a three-year stint as an adoption specialist with Catholic Charities.

Then, Sara left to attend to her own growing family, which now includes Caleb, 10; Carly, 6; and Cora, 18 months. Although

she was a dedicated mom, she still found time to serve as a part-time teacher and co-director at Beacon Heights Preschool in Fort Wayne.

Last fall, Sara and her family decided it was time for her to return to full-time work. As luck would have it, Sara's longtime friend Laura Kanalas, who had been serving as family services coordinator, was preparing to take maternity leave. Sara assumed Laura's position, although Laura is still working with the agency on a part-time basis while she takes care of her new baby.

"I'd maintained contact with several of the people at Catholic Charities during my time away from the agency," Sara says. "The same core of people that was here 10 years ago is still here, and that's very special to me."

"This is a great group of people to work with," Sara adds. "The people working for this agency truly believe in the people they serve, and they're dedicated to providing the best services possible."



Wish list

Catholic Charities has an ongoing need for new and gently used items. If you have something to contribute, please contact Jo Fisher in South Bend at (574) 234-3111, ext. 31, or George Mizer in Fort Wayne at (260) 422-5625, ext. 229. Donations can also be left at Catholic Charities, 315 E. Washington Boulevard in Fort Wayne, or 1817 Miami Street in South Bend.

Adoption/Pregnancy/ECHO

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby items, especially infant car seats and Pack 'N' Plays
- Baby clothing
- Gently used maternity clothes
- Books for children

Brief Services

- Sanitary napkins
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Washer and dryer
- Diapers (4's, 5's, and 6's)
- Everyday needs

Children's Cottage

- Computers
- Van (for field trips)
- Art easels
- Bulletin boards

Counseling

- Bus tokens for appointments

Food pantry

- Additional food drives
- Chest-type freezer
- Gallon-size freezer and storage Ziploc bags
- OSHA-approved step stool or step ladder
- Containers with lids (1/2-, 1, and 2-pound sizes)
- Cookbooks
- Gift cards
- Plastic bags

- Storage bins (17-gallon) with lids

Immigration (FW)

- Citizenship tool kit for new test

Immigration (SB)

- World map for office wall to mark where clients originate

Refugee Job Development

- Men's blazers (small and medium)
- Men's dress pants (small and medium)

RSVP (Auburn)

- Yarn
- Mittens and gloves
- Canned food
- Paper products
- Personal-hygiene products
- Dish soap
- Laundry soap
- Donations for spring auction
- Sewing machine
- Thread

RSVP (Elkhart)

- Vacuum cleaner
- Cleaning supplies
- Auction donations
- Thread
- Garage sale donations

- Sewing machine
- Storage cabinet

RSVP (St. Joseph)

- Yarn
- Fabric
- Quilting machine
- Embroidery machine
- General tools (hammers, pliers, wrenches, etc.)
- Yard tools (shovels, rakes, etc.)

Senior AIDES

- Gently used blue blazers
- Gently used matching ties
- Shoes (all sizes)
- Shoe polish (all colors)
- Gently used dresses or women's suits
- Bus passes

Villa of the Woods

- Carpet cleaner
- Walk-off rug
- Colored markers and crayons
- Red and green pens
- Bed pillows
- Paper shredder



Did you know?

A record high of more than 34 million foreign-born people live in the United States.

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The COA reaccreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both an organization's administrative operations and its service delivery practices. All are "measured" against national standards of best practice. These standards emphasize services that are accessible, appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence based, and outcomes-oriented. In addition, they confirm that the services are provided by a skilled and supported workforce and that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

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