Double Your Donation through July 22!

Anonymous donors have set up a $100,000 DONATION MATCH grant for all donations made to Catholic Charities through July 22, the date of the 2018 Annual Fundraiser.

“This is a huge opportunity for Catholic Charities,” said Michelle Martin, Executive Director. “This is our only fundraising event, and the money raised is vital in supporting our services and programs for the entire year. Each year, more people come to us in desperate situations, and we do not want to turn them away. It is our goal to provide family strengthening and financial stabilization services. When families are in crises – financial, emotional or physical – they are searching for hope. Many times, Catholic Charities is their last hope.”

Catholic Charities offers 17 different programs for struggling families from offices in Salina, Hays and Manhattan. The addition of the mobile outreach vans at each office, has enabled the agency to reach out to the more rural communities within the 31 counties of the diocese where services are not readily available.

To RSVP or donate, mail in the form on the back page or go to www.ccnks.org

Catholic Charities
13th Annual Fundraiser

Sunday, July 22, 2018 | 5:00 pm – 7:30pm

Salina Country Club
2101 E. Country Club Rd.

Social, Cash Bar,
Complimentary Dinner,
Live Auction

Dinner is complimentary - RSVP ONLY

Seating is limited, so make your reservation TODAY!
Tyrone is Thankful to Be Alive

Tyrone noticed he was having issues with his balance and hearing at work. He wasn’t concerned at first. When he lost his hearing, he sought the advice of his doctor. They discovered that Tyrone had a brain tumor larger than a grapefruit and quickly referred him to the University of Kansas Medical Center. Tyrone had performed physical labor for the city of Clay Center for nearly 20 years. Doctors knew there were significant risks involved in removing the tumor but it needed to be done quickly as a tumor this large could be life-threatening. He has had two additional brain surgeries and seven other surgeries as a result of the initial tumor removal. “I am lucky to be alive,” Tyrone said. “My balance will be off for the rest of my life, and I still have issues with my eyesight and memory, use of my left hand is limited and my right hand has tremors.” Tyrone’s disabilities have left him unable to work. He relies on income from Social Security Disability to pay his bills. Something that at 51 years old, he didn’t expect to happen.

“I live on a fixed income that is just enough to pay my bills and eat each month.” Tyrone added, “I needed some dental work done, but even with insurance, I couldn’t afford it. I am so thankful that Catholic Charities was able to help me when no one else could.”

The Reach Disability Assistance Fund at Catholic Charities provides assistance with uncovered expenses for people with mental and physical disabilities.

Picking Up the Pieces After a Fire

Robin, her sister and four children ranging in ages from 7-months to 13 years old, lived in a rental home together. They were upstairs when they noticed smoke in their basement. When they approached the staircase, flames were shooting up the stairs. Robin and her kids watched as the firemen tried to save their belongings, but they lost everything. Without renter’s insurance, they had no idea how to replace their belongings or where they were going to live. When they arrived at Catholic Charities, they still smelled of smoke. Robin chuckled as she remembered, “When we walked into the offices at Catholic Charities, they offered us new clothing and purses almost immediately. We must have really had a strong smell of smoke.” Robin has COPD and the smoke inhalation negatively affected her lungs.

“We were so thankful for the help we received from Catholic Charities,” said Robin. “All six of us lived in a hotel room for more than three months after the fire. We were desperate to move out of the hotel, but with all of the expenses from the fire, we didn’t have enough money.” Catholic Charities was able to provide them financial assistance to help with a security deposit and first month’s rent through its Disaster Relief Fund. “I learned the hard way how important it is to have renter’s insurance.”

Robin was happy to learn that she could add renter’s insurance to her current car insurance policy for around $6.00 each month.

“I don’t know what we would have done without the help from Catholic Charities,” Robin stated. “Nothing prepares you for seeing everything you own burn in a fire. It was really hard on my kids. I tried to be strong, but it was overwhelming. My daughter looked at me and said, ‘Mom, it’s ok to cry,’ and I just broke down.”
Jason’s Life is Changed Forever

Christmas Eve, Jason woke up and his hand felt like it was asleep. He and his fiancé, Tosha, headed to work where they both were employed as diesel mechanics. Throughout the day his hand continued to have a tingling sensation, and he eventually had to leave work. After two misdiagnoses and no relief, doctors finally determined that he had severe Arterial Thrombosis – blood clots in the arteries in his arms. After five unsuccessful surgeries did not break up the blood clots, the doctors had no other option but to amputate.

“The blood flow had been restricted because of the clots, so in March they amputated four of my fingers,” said Jason. “They had me stop my blood thinners a month before my surgery, and unfortunately, that lead to more clots. On June 4th, they had to amputate my hand and part of my forearm.” Doctors also found a candy-cane shaped clot in his heart that they were unable to remove.

Jason initially came to Catholic Charities between his first and second amputations. He had been unable to work for months, under strict bedrest orders from his doctor. Tosha had been laid off during her employer’s “slow” season, and she had also missed work to take Jason to the doctor and the hospital in Wichita. Jason was unable to obtain social security disability approval, so with neither of them working, they did not have money for their bills.

“Without the help we received from Catholic Charities we would have lost everything. We were on the verge of being evicted, having our utilities shut off and losing our vehicle.” Jason added, “Catholic Charities is such a blessing to us. I don’t know what we would have done.”

Jason’s doctors still don’t know what is causing his blood clots. At 34 years old, his world has been changed forever. He is prayerful that he will not have to endure any more amputations and that the clot in his heart stays intact. He will be on medication the rest of his life.

Jason is still on bedrest and has reapplied for disability through the Social Security office. He remains optimistic about their future. “My wounds are healing well and Tosha returned to work and is now in the management program for the company which has 323 mechanic shops.”

Filled with emotion, Jason said, “We cannot thank you enough for the help we received.”
Double your Donation - Support the $100,000 Match!

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JULY 22 AT THE SALINA COUNTRY CLUB

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