



Catholic Charities Awarded Nation-Wide Lowes Grant!



Catholic Charities is thrilled to be one of the 100 impact projects that are the cornerstone of [100 Hometowns](#), an initiative to celebrate Lowe's centennial.

Lowe's received more than 2,200 submissions to the 100 Hometowns program, which invited people across the country to nominate their hometown projects in need. **Catholic Charities is the only recipient of this grant in the state of Iowa!** The 100 Hometowns program will complete 100 projects across 37 states that rebuild areas reeling from natural disasters, repair critical housing, restore beloved community centers, and revive green spaces. This grant will fund improvements to the parking lots, walkways, and community spaces at the Kennedy Park west affordable housing unit in Dubuque. Details of every 100 Hometowns project and their progress can be found at the [100 Hometowns landing page](#) and at [#100Hometowns](#) on social media.

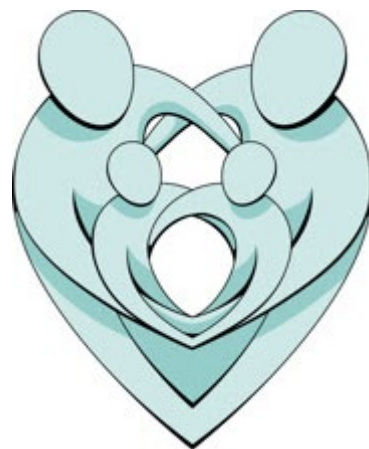
Click below to hear from the residents at Kennedy Park West about the impact of this grant on their community.



Attention Birth Parents

If you or someone you know placed a child in an adoptive home and you desire to remain anonymous, please read the following information carefully. Per the Iowa Department of Public Health: Bureau of Health Statistics, adoptees may now receive a noncertified copy of the certificate of birth prior to adoption. **If you want to remain anonymous, this requires your immediate attention.**

[Click Here](#) for more information from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) or call the IDPH Bureau of Statistics at 515.281.7689. Catholic Charities also has a [resource page](#) with more information, including FAQs.



DACA Court Ruling

A court ruling on July 16th, 2021 ruled that the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) policy “is illegal” and will not be accepting applications from first-time applicants. The judge ruled DACA is unlawful but he is letting current DACA remain in place for current recipients. Current DACA recipients continue to have DACA and can renew and should renew. [Click HERE](#) for more information on the court ruling.

[Click HERE](#) to tell your senator that a permanent solution for Dreamers is needed.

We encourage you to contact our Immigration Legal Services to request a FREE consultation if you have any questions regarding DACA or your immigration

Counseling Corner: Tips for Back to School

The beginning of August signals time to start thinking about returning to school. This can be a time of mixed emotions — sadness or anger - that the summer is over, excitement to see friends and teachers after months away, worry about new classes or making new friends, and the pleasure of choosing new school supplies. But come this September, those typical emotions will be heightened like never before.

As this new school year approaches with uncertainty still in the air, questions are bound to arise. The CDC recently published updated guidance for return to school plans. They highlight how students benefit from in-person learning and how safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority. **Click Here** for further guidance on safety and COVID-19 prevention recommendations for schools.

As always, it is important to help children plan for the transition back to school. Students and parents make many adjustments as the school year approaches. **Click Here** for 4 quick reminders that can make this transition easier at the start of any school year.



Volunteer With Us!

Are you interested in making a positive impact on the lives of those in your community?

Volunteering at Catholic Charities may be right for you! We are seeking volunteers to support programs such as Jail & Prison Reentry & Immigration Legal Services.

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact 319.272.2080 or [click HERE](#) to complete a volunteer application.



Governor's Volunteer Awards

Congratulations to Jail & Prison Reentry volunteers from Mason City & Dubuque who received a 2021 Governor's Volunteer Service Award!

The Governor's Volunteer Award program honors the dedicated people who volunteer their time and talents to help an organization deliver on its mission and we are so proud of our volunteers at Catholic Charities who embody a mission of service. Thank you for all you do and congratulations on this achievement! [Click HERE](#) for more information about the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards.

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