Here’s What’s Happening at Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi and Mother Teresa Shelter...

With 14 programs/departments, we always have something in the works!

Save The Date for October 17th!

Celebration of CHARITY

The 2019 Celebration of Charity, benefitting Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi, Inc. and Mother Teresa Shelter, Inc., will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019. Sponsorships and Tickets are still available. For more information, please contact Shannette Hoelscher at (361) 884-0651 Ext. 246 or shoelscher@diocesecc.org.

Men’s Wearhouse Annual Suit Drive, July 1 - 31

Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi is partnering with Men’s Wearhouse in its 12th annual Suit Drive, a month-long initiative that collects gently-used professional clothing for Americans transitioning back into the workforce. Throughout the month of July, donations collected at the Men’s Wearhouse store will be distributed to Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi. Starting July 1, residents of Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend can donate their gently-used professional clothing, including men’s and women’s suits, ties, jackets, shirts, pants, belts and shoes at the Men’s Wearhouse, 5425 S. Padre Island Dr., in Moore Plaza, Corpus Christi. In August, Catholic Charities will begin to distribute the items to clients who are in need of professional clothing. Donate and Give Confidence. #ThrowbackAndDonate A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.

New Weekday Homebuyer Education & Learning Program (HELP) Workshop Session

HUD Approved Housing Counseling Program, Sponsored by American Bank

In June we added a new weekday session for the Homebuyer Education & Learning Program (HELP) Workshop! It was such a success we decided to continue holding a Monday class. The July date is Monday, July 29, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Spaces are limited. Call Amanda Lazo at (361) 884-0651 Ext. 240 with any questions or to register. Pre-registration and pre-payment are mandatory. A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.
August Homebuyer Education & Learning Program Workshop (HELP) Class Date Change

HUD Approved Housing Counseling Program, Sponsored by American Bank
The August 17 Homebuyer Education & Learning Program workshop has been rescheduled to August 10. Pre-registration and pre-payment are mandatory. Same time, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Please make note of this date change. Call Amanda Lazo at (361) 884-0651 Ext. 240 with any questions. A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.

Ministry & Life Enrichment for Persons with Disabilities Summer
Sponsored by Susan & Donald Taft and Tejas Management Systems, Inc.
These summer days continue to be busy and filled with fun for the Ministry and Life Enrichment for Persons with Disabilities! We successfully put on our annual Father Walsh’s Summer Camp in June, learning along with our campers aged sixteen to ninety years old that no matter what happens in life, GOD IS GOOD! We also hosted for the very first time a one-day VBS for children which was such a hit that we are still receiving positive feedback about it from the campers and their families! In July we held our Indoor Picnic Series, at St. Joseph’s in Alice on Thursday, July 11, and at Immaculate Conception in Taft on Thursday, July 18th. Our Summer Fun Days, ran from July 22-24, complete with a day at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, a day at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, and a day hosted here at Catholic Charities! Special thanks to our sponsors, our faithful volunteers, and our seminarian Jim! Together we are helping to create an exciting and memorable summer for God’s special people here in the greater Corpus Christi and surrounding areas! A program of the Community Outreach Services Department.
Emergency Aid Program Offering Food and Financial Assistance

Sponsored by Carlisle Insurance and Tom Carlisle

During the long summer our numbers always increase! In June, 359 families were assisted through our Food Pantry, while through our Financial Assistance we assisted 57 families with a total of $5,492.09. The Emergency Aid Program offers Financial Assistance on Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30 AM. The Food Pantry is open Monday – Thursday, 7:30 AM -5:00 PM (closed 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm daily). For more information, please call (361) 884-0651, Ext. 290. A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.

Family Self-Sufficiency Program Helping Those Looking for Jobs

Our Family Self-Sufficiency Program is keeping busy in assisting clients with job referrals and resume building for individuals seeking employment. A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.

Rural Outreach Program Continues to Help the Rural Areas

Our Rural Outreach Coordinator has been busy traveling to the rural areas within the Diocese of Corpus Christi 3 – 4 times a month delivering food and assisting with SNAP applications. Diabetes Education is very important. The Rural Outreach Program is working with the Education Service Center by handing out diabetes information and signing clients up for classes. Cooking Matters classes will begin in July with the Parents as Teachers Program and will continue monthly. A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.

Catholic Charities-Flour Bluff Food Pantry

In June 127 families were assisted through our Catholic Charities-Flour Bluff Food Pantry. The office assists those in need in the 78418 area with a food pantry, clothes, diapers, and referrals, as well as, providing a link to other Catholic Charities services.

Location: St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2233 Waldron Rd, (361) 929-6077
*Use entrance on Hustling Hornet Road

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.

Immigration Department is Always Busy

The Immigration Department is very busy this summer with renewals of legal permanent resident cards, naturalizations and DACA Renewals. Open to all new clients on Thursdays starting at 7:30 AM with a consultation fee of $25.00. For more information, please call (361) 884-0651, Ext. 233.
Sad Good-byes
In June we said good-bye to Kim Seger, Immigration Department Director. Kim is now enjoying retirement! In July we said good-bye to our Business Manager Shirley Dunn. Shirley and her family have started a new adventure in Tennessee.

Parents as Teachers Program Bus Wraps & Bus Benches
Be on the lookout for the Parents as Teachers Program Bus Wrap on an RTA city bus through September. Let us know if you see it! We also have Transit Cards up inside buses as well as 5 Bus Benches located throughout the city at Alameda & McCall, Waldron & June, McArdle & Gabriel, Carroll & Cottonwood, and McArdle & Vance. The Transit Cards and Bus Benches will also be up through September. Registration is now open for the Parents as Teachers Program. Ages 0 – 5. For more information, call (361) 884-0651 Ext. 287. A program of the Children & Family Services Department.

Disaster Response Services Department Working Hard
Our team has been busy with multiple Hurricane Harvey projects being funded for repairs and home replacements. Due to a severe storm that hit the Kingsville area in June, an outreach event was conducted at St. Gertrude’s parish. Food bags and tarps were handed out as well as screenings conducted to identify other needs of the community. Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi utilized CCUSA Short Term Grant Funds to provide H-E-B and Wal-Mart gift cards to those affected by the severe thunderstorm. The severe weather event left 9,600 community members in the impacted area without electrical power for 2 to 3 days.
Temporary Closure at Mother Teresa Shelter

Mother Teresa Shelter, Sponsored by Friends of Catholic Charities and Mother Teresa Shelter

Due to ongoing construction for the new courtyard covered pavilion, the Mother Teresa Shelter is temporarily closed. Arrangements continue to be made for clients to receive meals and respite from the heat. The Mother Teresa Shelter will reopen once construction is completed. Call (361) 883-7372 for more information.
Food and Paper Goods Donations Needed

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We are in need of paper goods - paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, plastic utensils/cutlery, 8 oz. foam cups, and powder laundry detergent. Food donations are also needed - canned goods, coffee and creamer, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Call (361) 883-7372 for more information or drop off at the Mother Teresa Shelter, 513 Sam Rankin Ave.

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