Catholic Charities partners with Nordinia Hills Schools to help families with parenting education workshops

With help from a grant from the County of Summit ADM Board, Catholic Charities is bringing FREE parenting workshops to the Nordinia community. In partnership with the Nordinia Hills Schools, Catholic Charities will offer several types of workshops for parents. All sessions are open to the public and feature unique video discussion programs and include a book to keep for future reference. Individual sessions are also available upon request.

Active Parenting is a six-session class for parents of children ages 5 to 12. Participants will learn how to raise children who are cooperative, responsible, and able to resist peer pressure. The class also provides information for dealing with sensitive issues such as drugs, sexuality, and violence.

Active Parenting of Teens is ideal for parents of preteens and younger teens. The six-session curriculum gives parents the confidence and courage to meet the challenges of their children’s teen years with skills such as open communication, mutual respect, problem-solving, and more. It also offers the latest in teen drug use prevention, and addresses stepfamily challenges.

Dr. Joe Clark, Superintendent of the Nordinia Hills Schools, supports this initiative, “From my days as a counselor and bus driver at Camp Christopher I have known that Catholic Charities, Community Services of Summit County is committed to helping families and children live healthier, happier lives. I am thrilled to join them in this partnership to help develop life skills in our Nordinia Schools families.”

Join the next session and see a difference. For a complete listing of all upcoming classes, visit: ccsummitcounty.org or call 330-762-2961.

Environmental Education at Camp Christopher

Children experience powerful and memorable learning experiences when learning takes place in the outdoors and natural landscapes around them. At Camp Christopher in Bath, Ohio, the Environmental Education program takes students out of the traditional classroom and into the environment to see science, nature, and teamwork in action. Hands-on experiences in the outdoors allow students to bring what they have learned to the classroom and enrich those concepts through better understanding of cooperation and interdependency of all things natural.

Curriculum includes concepts in science, math, language arts, social studies, and team building and aligns with state standards followed by teachers and school districts. Camp instructors work with classroom teachers to develop programs that best match what students are learning at their school to be enriched at camp.

As Pope Francis stated “Nature, in a word, is at our disposition and we are called to exercise a responsible stewardship over it.” America is in the midst of a cultural change, as our youth are increasingly spending time indoors and plugged in to electronic devices. Learning to be good stewards of the environment requires developing an understanding and appreciation for our natural resources and outdoors. Students explore 165 acres of scenic outdoor classroom space including forest, caves, rock formations, hiking trails, ponds, streams, and challenge courses. Fall and spring programs lasting 1, 2, or 3 days are available.

For more information about Environmental Education at Camp Christopher, call 330-376-CAMP or 800-296-CAMP, or email us at campchristopher@ccdocle.org.
Greetings to you all. A most fruitful autumn season is upon us, indeed. We are truly blessed here at CCCS Summit County to have you as our partner in Serving God and Serving our Community. During this season of change, we call each of you to service. Mother Teresa stated, “Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put in to action and that action is service.” As you read through our newsletter, we encourage you to pray for an opportunity to serve God. Keep your eyes open, your heart light, and participate with Great Spirit. In the Bible, we learn from Peter, “Each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

In this edition, you will see how our programs and staff work to be catalysts for community solutions and champions for the ideal that everyone has skills, treasure, and talents to give. Whether it be volunteering at our hot meals program, joining our Women’s Board, becoming a mentor, giving charitably, or serving our Pastors, we are committed to making a difference in our community. Our development team along with our Advisory Council have committed to reaching out to all 30 parishes in Summit County. We hope to build lasting partnerships whereby our services are tailored to meet the needs of the community as best we can.

Please join us as we endeavor to make a difference by Serving God and Serving Community.

My best to you and yours, Catherine

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From The Director

Advisory Council
The Advisory Council at Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County supports the mission of the agency by providing assistance with program planning and evaluation, financial review and fundraising, and marketing and public relations. The Advisory Council is instrumental in articulating the needs of the community and in helping staff to conduct community assessments which provide information on the issues and concerns facing the people we serve.

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Mission Statement
Under the leadership of the Bishop of Cleveland and inspired by the gospel, Catholic Charities continues the mission of Jesus by responding to those in need through an integrated system of quality services designed to enhance the dignity of every person and build a just and compassionate society.

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Employee Spotlight
Ginger Malcolm, MAGIC Mentors Program Coordinator

Not new to Catholic Charities, Ginger worked as the full-time social worker in the Adult Day Services program for nearly five years. In 2015, Ginger took a break to help care for her daughter and ailing parents, however, this past spring, she agreed to come back part time as the Program Coordinator for the MAGIC Mentoring program.

What are your goals for the 2016-2017 School year and the Magic Mentors Program?
Since I came in at the tail end of the school year in March, things were in place for the most part for the rest of the school year. I am working very hard to recruit people to volunteer and work with our at-risk kids for this coming school year. I am excited to plan a monthly support group for the Mentors as well as offer on-going training. We have some new community partners which will be great to introduce to the Mentees to as they start thinking about their futures and what direction they might want to take.

What do you wish other people knew about Catholic Charities?
I wish people knew about all of the great programs Catholic Charities has to offer.

What would you say are some of your strongest beliefs about Catholic Charities?
I strongly live by and believe in our Catholic Charities mission “Under the leadership of the Bishop of Cleveland and inspired by the Gospel, Catholic Charities continues the mission of Jesus by responding to those in need through an integrated system of quality services designed to respect the dignity of every person and build a just and compassionate society.” I believe in helping others and treating people the way I wish to be treated.

What would you tell someone who is thinking about (donating, volunteering, etc.) to Catholic Charities?
Catholic Charities offers such a variety of programs that you are bound to find your calling whether you want to volunteer, donate money, or find a career. I feel that volunteering/working here is as rewarding and positive for the volunteer/employee as it will be for the recipient. If you are considering donating money, you can designate your donation to a program of your choice, so you know exactly where it is going.
Catholic Charities replaced the high ropes challenge course this August at Camp Christopher. The new course has 8 elements, including a Cargo Net, Burma Bridge, the Earthquake, the Giant Swing, the Pirate’s Crossing, the Postman’s Walk, the Vine Traverse, the Zip Line and a Climbing/Rappelling Tower. These are built on telephone poles and use climbing ropes, steel cables, and wood platforms to test participant’s resolve as they are raised 30-45 feet above the ground to complete their challenge.

The course is designed to help groups grow closer together, achieve their goals, discover new interpersonal strengths, and develop resilience. Activities on the course are designed to challenge participants to step outside of their comfort zone and normal daily routines and experience an exciting adventure. Participants experience an overall greater sense of well-being and accomplishment through their progress in this course, especially when they reflect on their success at doing what they thought was impossible. Group reflection on how their new knowledge and self awareness can be applied to other situations completes the program and helps participants process what they have discovered through the experience.

The elements were installed by Signature Research and designed and built in accordance with the ANSI-ACCT 03-2016 Challenge Courses and Canopy/Zip Line Tours Standards. Camp Staff underwent 40 hours of training in August to prepare for next summer’s adventurous campers. The course now stands at the top of the hill and is an impressive site for visitors to see when they arrive on the grounds.

Camp Christopher Voted Best of The City!

Recently featured in Akronlife Magazine’s 2016 Best of the City issue – a BIG Thank You to everyone who voted Camp Christopher the Best Local Summer Camp for Kids!

Connect With Camp Christopher

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Development News

2016-17 Partners In Giving Campaign

The 2016-17 Partners in Giving Campaign is set to kick off in late October. This year’s theme is “Serving God, Serving Community.” In this Year of Mercy, we must focus on what we are called to do in our faith. We have been given so many blessings in our lives. It is the will of God that we share those blessings with those who face challenges in their lives. At Catholic Charities, it is our job to help give adults of all ages, children and families the recreational, spiritual and emotional support they need. It is through Serving our Community that we are Serving our God as well.

Please look for information on our Partners in Giving Campaign in late October. In addition, don’t forget to mark your calendars for other opportunities to support our Partners campaign at CCCS Summit.

Derby for Dollars

The inaugural Derby for Dollars event at the Hard Rock Rocksino raised $16,000 for our Basic Needs programs in May ... and all in attendance had a great time doing it. Father Leo Patalinghug, a professional chef, put on a great show, preparing a Kentucky Derby-themed meal live on stage. He cooked and talked about the importance of food in our spiritual lives and how families and friends can become closer to each other and to God at the dining room table. Many thanks to Father Leo and his team as well as the staff at the Rocksino for making it a great night.

Also, we can’t forget our generous sponsors: Triple Crown Title Sponsor, The Maynard Family Foundation; Winner’s Circle Sponsors, Hair Gallery, Hudec Dental, Living Bread Radio, Marhofer Chevrolet, Perrin Asphalt, S.A. Comunale and Stark & Knoll; Jewelry Raffle Sponsor, The Vatalaro Family and Vic’s Sporting Goods.

Please mark your calendars for May 5, 2017 when we will add a little Cinco De Mayo flare to our Derby event at the Rocksino. You won’t want to miss it.

November 25 to 28 We anticipate Wayside Furniture will have its annual Giving Event at their store at 1367 Canton Road. In the past, Wayside has matched donations up to $100 until they reach $100,000. We thank Wayside for their past support. Check www.wayside-furniture.com and the Beacon Journal the week of November 21 for all the details.

November 29 We are also very excited to be part of the Diocesan’s #weGiveCatholic initiative on November 29, also known as Giving Tuesday. You will be able to contribute online to CCCS Summit that day. You can learn more at www.wegivecatholic.org. We thank our friends with the Diocese and the Catholic Community Foundation for including CCCS Summit is this great opportunity to support Catholic Charities right from your phone, tablet or laptop.

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE to Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County (CCCS Summit) by designating your donation through United Way of Summit County.

Designations must be made at the time of a pledge. You can mail a check to 90 N. Prospect St., Akron, OH 44304; make a credit card payment by calling Michele Stanovic at 330-643-5523 or log on to www.uwsummit.org/donate. Thank you for your support of CCCS Summit and United Way.
Development News

Golf Outing

The 21st annual golf outing in June had a change of scenery this year, moving to beautiful Mayfair Country Club in Uniontown. Despite thunderstorms before the round, and as it ended, and with the help of nearly 100 participants, we raised more than $9,500 for our programs for people with developmental disabilities. That’s an 11 percent increase over 2015 and there are so many to thank: Title Sponsor, The Maynard Family Foundation; Gold, Bober Markey Fedorovich, Living Bread Radio, Mosher Medical, Inc.; Silver, Akron Children’s Hospital, The Village of St. Edward; Scramble Pic Giveaway, Terry Abramovich Sports and Shirts; Food/Dinner, U.S. Foods; Food & Beverage, Joan & Lou Perry; Signage, Hummel Funeral Homes. Also, big thanks to the Village of St. Edward for providing volunteers for the event. They did a great job as always.
Development News

Christmas In July Collection Supports CCCS Summit

The Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union in Macedonia collected sporting goods, games, sunscreen and other items all throughout July in support of CCCS Summit. This is the second consecutive year the Credit Union has sponsored “Christmas in July” for us. The items will be given to Camp Christopher as well as to our Women’s Board for their Bags of Love program for needy families at Christmas. If you live in Northern Summit County, stop in and say thank you to Branch Manager Kathryn Jenkins and her staff for their support.

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Women’s Board Plays Santa

There will be tears — happy tears — this holiday season when the Women’s Board of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County plays Santa for area families in need.

Through this tradition, Catholic Charities Women’s Board has made the holiday season brighter for hundreds of families with its Bags of Love project. The women who comprise the board collaborate to fill Christmas wish lists of families selected by Catholic Charities’ staff. The families are among clients already served by the agency and always include small children.

The board is seeking donations from the public of household and personal items such as laundry detergent, soap, dish detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, shampoo and conditioner, paper products and diapers. Please make donations payable to Women’s Board of CCCS/SC with “Bags of Love” on the memo line and mail to Women’s Board of CCCS/SC, 812 Biruta St., Akron, OH 44307. Product donations can be dropped off at the Catholic Charities offices located at 812 Biruta Street, Akron. All donations should arrive at the agency’s offices by Dec. 5th.

Volunteer News

Celebrating Our Community

December 4, 2016

Blessed Trinity Parish
300 E. Tallmadge Ave.
Akron, OH 44310

2:00 pm
Mass
(fulfills Sunday obligation)

3:00 pm
Awards Presentation

Reservations are required.

Please RSVP on-line at:
https://celebratingpartners.eventbrite.com
or by phoning 330.762.2961 ext. 232 by Monday, November 28th.
Learn More about our programs and services for people of all faiths, ages, and ethnicities

Adult Day Services  
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Camp Christopher  
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Plan Ahead

October 14  
CCCS/SC Women’s Board Meeting

October 26  
Caregivers Meeting - Scams Targeting Seniors

October 31  
Trick or Treat at Camp Christopher

November 11  
CCCS/SC Women’s Board Meeting

November 25-28  
Wayside Furniture Giving Event

November 29  
#weGiveCatholic

December 4  
Celebrating Our Community Partners Event

December 9  
CCCS/SC Women’s Board Meeting