

LONG-TERM FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS CONTINUE

West Virginia is continuing long-term flood recovery efforts, and coordination of recovery cases is imperative to reaching every survivor and ensuring resources are available for the duration. There are eight county-wide Long-Term Recovery Committees (LTRCs), which work to ensure that recovery efforts are coordinated and collaborative. CCWVa is a partner agency of several of the LTRCs, and as such, staff sit on the LTRC and help with the coordination of case information and disaster case management. In addition, as the LTRCs are beginning to assign volunteer work teams to cases, CCWVa is providing seed funds to the LTRCs to use for building supplies for the work teams to complete their assigned job.



Volunteers hang drywall in a flood-damaged home in Richwood



Volunteers work under a damaged mobile home to restore its foundation blocks and replace insulation

As long-term recovery advances, more intensive disaster case management is crucial. LTRC partner agencies Disaster Case Managers (DCM) are assigned to cases by the LTRC. The DCMs work with the survivors to develop their plan to recovery. They walk with the survivors throughout the recovery process and help with volunteer labor and funding for building materials, personal property replacements (e.g. appliances), and contractors when projects require more skilled labor.

CCWVa is well-positioned to help people in the long-term, and the agency is committed to ensuring that all of the flood-affected areas throughout the state receive the help they need for recovery.

KEEPING CHRIST IN CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

In the Catholic Church, our liturgical calendar is coming to an end. We are gearing up for our New Year; the beginning of Advent. It is important to take stock at the beginning of the year – secular and religious – and so we offer this reflection...

At Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa), we partner with other faith organizations, secular organizations, and the state and federal government. But what does it mean to be “Catholic” when so many of our staff, volunteers, partners and clients do not identify as such? Most importantly, we are guided by the teaching of the Church; we are called to *do* certain things, and *prohibited* from doing others. More generally, and on a day-to-day basis, we use the following values as our measuring stick. We invite you, our supporters, to join us in reflecting on these values.

Dignity	How do I show my family, friends, clients and colleagues that I honor them?
Justice	In what ways do I work for justice within my role in my family and in society?
Compassion	The root of the word compassion means to “suffer with.” How do I care for those around me in such a way that shows my acceptance of their suffering as if it was my own?
Hope	What hope am I able to offer? What hope do I receive from others?
Charity	Charity is love. In what ways do I show generous charity to everyone I encounter?
Quality	How do I use and expand my knowledge, skills, and talents to carry out my responsibility to my neighbors?

So often, people involved in the mission of CCWVa are asked whether we serve non-Catholics. The answer is: OF COURSE! At CCWVa, our Catholic identity is *why* we serve, and has no bearing on *who* we serve. The root of the word “Catholic” is “Universal” --- and we strive to live this fully!

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NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2017 COMMUNITIES OF SALT AND LIGHT AWARDS

Catholic Charities West Virginia is open to all people regardless of their race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, marital or family status.

Needed Items

Cereal, canned meats, flour, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup, dried beans, soups, crackers, coffee, tea, pasta, pasta sauce, dairy products, mayonnaise, personal care items, cleaning supplies

Needed for WellnessWorks

Low-sodium products, sugar free products, gluten-free items, whole grain pastas, canned fruits in light syrup, vegetarian options, fresh produce, frozen meats

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Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) Central Region will host its 15th Annual Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner on April 21, 2017. Nominations for this award are now being accepted from Catholic parishioners in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Clarksburg Vicariate.

The Communities of Salt and Light Award will be presented to two community members (individuals, couples or families) and a group (Catholic community group or business) whose gifts of time, talent and treasure exemplify social ministry in action.

"This award honors people whose faith inspires them to be disciples in today's world," said Patti Phillips, CCWVa Director of Development and Marketing.

The award is given to individuals and groups who practice the teachings outlined in the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' document, "Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish."

In addition to the award honorees, all nominees will be recognized for their dedication to their parishes and to their communities at the awards dinner in April.

The nomination form is available at area parishes, and is available for download online at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/Regions/Central-Region.

For more information, call (304) 292-6597.



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UNITED WAY PARTNERSHIPS INTEGRAL TO CCWVA

Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) services that aim to alleviate, prevent and reduce poverty in West Virginia rely on many partnerships and collaborations to ensure it is addressing the real and unique issues and needs of a particular local community. CCWVa local outreach staff and United Way agencies throughout the state work in partnership with other community stakeholders to identify broad community needs, develop networks of assistance to improve the lives of the people in each community and look to affect lasting change for the better.

These partnerships create opportunities for CCWVa to build comprehensive service networks that make the most of resources by linking clients to other assistance partners that may be able to address the sometimes

complex and varied needs of those seeking assistance. In addition, CCWVa enjoys being a funded partner with eight United Way agencies for 14 counties. These grant funds provide valuable resources for specific and localized CCWVa programs and services. Lastly, annual donor-designated charitable gift payroll deductions that are available to employees of United Way corporate partners offer both localized funding and broad

or greatest need funding for CCWVa.

CCWVa sees partnerships as an integral part of ensuring that resources, both human and fiscal, are maximized, and that programs are addressing the complex and specific needs of the people in rural and populated communities throughout the state. CCWVa enjoys great partnerships with United Way agencies in the local communities and with the larger agency to ensure needs are met, and the relationships endure.



CENTRAL REGION STAFF

Regional Director, Alissa Wilmoth; Morgantown and Grafton Program Assistant, Mara Skidmore; Raymond Wolfe Center Outreach Worker, Alix Evans; LifeBridge AmeriCorps Members, Kita Taylor (Morgantown) and Don Maleta (Raymond Wolfe Center)

Our Mission is to alleviate poverty, distress, and injustice by providing comprehensive social services to the poor and vulnerable, advocating for social justice, and calling all people of good will, especially those of the Church, to service.