

PROMISE HOUSE OFFERS TRAINING FOR FAMILIES IN TRANSITION VOLUNTEERS

The Catholic Charities Promise House invites interested individuals to become Families in Transition (FIT) Volunteers by attending training in October. These volunteers are family mentors who provide support, encouragement and coaching to families for up to 12 months.

FIT Volunteers may also assist clients in completing Family Transition Plans as part of the Emergency Assistance (EA) program at the Martinsburg office.

Clients requesting EA for a second time meet one-on-one with a Catholic Charities representative, complete a Family Transition Plan, and set goals with action steps. Upon their third request, they will be asked to show that one or more of their action steps was accomplished. FIT volunteers are now conducting those one-on-one meetings with clients in the office.

A FIT volunteer who works to mentor a family or to help clients complete Family Transition Plans must attend the comprehensive, 12-hour training.

The training is scheduled from 9:00am – 12:00pm on four consecutive Fridays: October, 7, 14, 21, 28 at the Martinsburg office. For information or to register, contact Kathie Campbell at 304-267-8837, ext. 5.



Summer 2016

LONG-TERM FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS BEGIN

The June 22nd flooding in West Virginia is being called a 1,000 year flood. Recovery from the devastation is expected to take more than five years.

Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) Disaster Recovery Services focus on long-term recovery for individuals and communities, which typically starts 4-5 months after a disaster and can last for years. To prepare for this phase, CCWVa staff have been participating in WV-VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) planning meetings, attending county Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) meetings, developing partnerships with local and state organizations, and coordinating resources with parishes and groups providing help.



CCWVa Work Camp Volunteers Assist a Victim of the June 2016 Flash Flooding in West Virginia

"We are committed to serving those affected by this tragedy for the long-term and ensuring people affected by the disaster return to a safe, secure, and stable living situation," said Mark Sliter, Executive Director of CCWVa.



Catholic Charities West Virginia Eastern Region's
Cuisine With A Cause

Monday, September 12, 2016

Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, WV (New Venue!)

Call 304-267-8837 for additional information

WHO WE HELPED

Emergency Assistance*

April 2016 – July 2016

	Martinsburg	Romney
Children	145	97
Adults	168	109
Seniors	5	7
Dollar Amount	\$5,395.00	\$4,266.82

*Financial Assistance to avoid utility termination, eviction, transportation to medical appointments and obtaining legal documents (such as birth and marriage certificates)

EASTERN REGION
Martinsburg + Romney

Working to reduce poverty in Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, and Morgan Counties

Martinsburg (304) 267-8837

Romney (304) 822-5414

ST. JAMES PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS REFUGEE FAMILY

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 Supplies

Household Supplies:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Clorox Wipes

Personal supplies:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Razors

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact the local office near you or your Parish.

Deliver donations to
224 S Queen Street
Martinsburg, WV
25401
or
260 School Street
Romney, WV 26757
or by credit card
online at

CatholicCharitiesWV.org
1-888-900-2989



Pope Francis preached that “the Gospel of mercy troubles our consciences, prevents us from taking the suffering of others for granted, and points out ways of responding.” One local parish in the Eastern Region has taken these words to heart.

Last year, St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town approached Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Migration and Refugee Services, in response to the reminder from Pope Francis that refugees are our brothers and sisters. After waiting patiently for months, a refugee family arrived in Jefferson County, and St. James was ready to welcome them. They found housing and lovingly



Parishioners Prepared a Home as a Part of Their Efforts in Welcoming a Refugee Family to Their Community

prepared it for the family. St. James’ team of volunteers also helped secure employment for the adults and is providing transportation while the adults learn to drive here. These volunteers embraced the family and made them feel welcomed, while also taking the time to teach the family how to function in a new life: buying groceries and clothing, setting up a bank account, and getting established with a family physician.

St. James parishioners are truly welcoming the stranger. The CCWVa team said they are very grateful for the partnership between St. James and CCWVa, and hope that it will serve as a model for future refugee families who may come to the area.

NEWS AND NOTES

- The Romney Outreach Office will be holding its annual book sale Thursday, October 13, – Saturday, October 15, at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Romney. Every purchase helps fund the emergency assistance program for low-income families in Hampshire, Hardy, Grant and Mineral counties.
- The community is invited to attend a Meet and Greet at the Romney Outreach office on Friday, October 14 from 2:00 – 5:00. Meet our volunteers and staff before or after you visit the book sale!
- The Martinsburg office will have an Open House from 2:30 – 4:30 on Thursday, November 17. Join us for refreshments and an opportunity to learn more about what we do.
- If you are a federal employee, you can support Catholic Charities through the Combined Federal Campaign. Our number is **24020**.

Rachel's Vineyard
A Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing

Nov. 4-6, 2016
Charleston, WV

Beginning Friday
6:00 pm
Concluding Sunday
4:30 pm

Catholic Charities West Virginia

For information visit
www.ccwva.org
or call 304-905-9860, ext. 2022
or email rachelsvineyardwv@comcast.net

EASTERN REGION STAFF

Martinsburg Office:

Regional Director, Trina Bartlett; Promise House Coordinator, Kathie Campbell; Program Assistant, Siobhán Bertone; Outreach Worker, Susan King

Romney Outreach Office:

Outreach Coordinator, Teresa Reddick; Outreach Worker, Phyllis Fultz; AmeriCorps VISTA, Sonia Hill

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.