

## PERSONAL CARE OUTREACH IN CHARLESTON

Catholic Charities WV Western Region has opened a personal care/home cleaning supply closet in the Charleston office. The project started with a \$1,000 anonymous donation, items collected by Charleston Catholic High School students during Catholic Schools Week and the continued support from local parishes. Thanks to the support of the community, clients have a variety of items to choose from.

The availability of these items are important to clients as they cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits. Clients can access the pantry every 30 days.

“We are grateful to the individuals, churches and groups who continue to support this closet through generous donations and invite others to do the same,” said Emily Warder, Western Regional Director

Donations can be brought to the Charleston office Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. If you have any questions about the closet or organizing group efforts to donate items, please call the Charleston office.



Barbara Tucker, Personal Care Closet client, and Brenda Brandon, Title V Program Assistant

### Suggested items:

- Men/Women's Deodorant
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Denture Cleanser
- Soap/Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Laundry and Dishwashing Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Dryer Sheets
- Toilet Tissue
- Facial Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Floor Cleaner
- Spray Antibacterial Cleaner
- Mops, Brooms and Buckets



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WESTERN REGION  
Charleston + Whitesville

**F**or the last two years, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and Catholic Charities WV have sponsored a Social Ministries conference for our state. Now it's time to register for the 3rd Annual conference!

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Social Ministries Conference  
**FAITH, HOPE, LOVE**  
From Exclusion to Encounter

**May 29-30, 2015**

**Saint John XXIII Center,  
Charleston**

Visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org)

We are thrilled to be able to offer keynote presentations and breakout sessions on the theme “From Exclusion to Encounter” – an idea which Pope Francis has encouraged us to consider and embody in our lives as faithful Catholic Christians.

*Welcome — Emily Warder joined Catholic Charities WV in March 2015 as the Western Regional director. Community impact is a priority for Emily, coming from a volunteer adult literacy organization, she witnessed first-hand the profound effects that literacy can have on the individual, the family and the community at-large. “I am excited to now be working for Catholic Charities WV; there are many opportunities in the western region to make a true positive change”, said Warder.*

## THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

The celebration of Christmas 2014 began for the Western Region on Saturday, December 11 with 15 young people, two volunteers and two staff people going to The Greenbrier to wrap toys for distribution in the Western Region.

It continued with local churches gathering gifts and toys for residents of a low-income hi-rise. “Christ’s Shining Stars” program enabled those who were ineligible for other Christmas giving programs to receive needed items like blankets, socks and personal care items.

Thanks to the many benefactors 3,137 gifts with a dollar value of \$62,740 were received. Thanks to the generous volunteers and donors, clients celebrated the birth of Christ and experienced the giving spirit of the season.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE

### January – February 2015

Volunteers	58
Hours	214

## SERVICE PROVIDED

### January – February 2015

<b>Assistance</b>	<b>Families</b>
Food	154
Utilities	44

*Working to reduce poverty in* Boone, Cabell, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne Counties

**Charleston (304) 380-0162**

**Whitesville (304) 854-1043**

## FREE EVENT FOR WHITESVILLE COMMUNITY

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.

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Western Region is hosting the third annual Health and Wellness Expo on April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. at the Raleigh-Boone Technical Center gymnasium in Pettus. The Expo is free and open to the public.

The Expo will feature information from experts and agencies on improving health. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in free health screenings, providing valuable information when making decisions on health care.

This year, CCWVa Western Region is excited to offer activities and games for seniors attending the event. Local service providers and businesses have donated prizes for those participating in the games. "In addition to raising awareness of the services that CCWVa Western Region provides to our residents, we believe our Health and Wellness Expo is a forum for people of our region to come together to discuss healthy choices, facilitating relationships between community members, service providers and local businesses." said Emily Warder, Western Regional director.

Through the support of local sponsors, the Expo also raises money for the Whitesville-Pettus Food Pantries. All proceeds from the event will be invested in the pantry, providing healthy options for the patrons of both pantries.



2013 Health and Wellness Expo presenters from various agencies

### Needed Supplies

Household Supplies:  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Bleach  
Detergent

Personal supplies:  
Deodorant  
Shampoo  
Soap  
Toothpaste  
Razors

Deliver donations to

1116 Kanawha  
Boulevard East  
Charleston, WV  
25301

or by credit card  
online at

CatholicCharitiesWV.org  
1-888-900-2989

**Rachel's Vineyard**  
A Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing

May 1-3, 2015  
St. Joseph Retreat Center  
Wheeling, WV

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

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

## IT'S TEA TIME

Western Region Council invites you to the "Stay at Home" Tea. This fundraising event invites you to enjoy a cup of tea in the comfort of your home while making a positive impact in the Western Region. In 2014, CCWVa invested nearly \$500,000 in emergency assistance, home repairs, school supplies, clothing and personal care items for the people in the ten county Western Region. This important work cannot be done without the support of caring individuals.

This "non-event" fundraiser not only puts donors in control of the size of their contribution; it also encourages donors to choose the amount of time to invest. Your invitation includes a teabag that is ready when you are. All tax deductible contributions are directly invested into the programs, services and outreach activities in the Western Region.

If you would like to attend the "Stay at Home" Tea, but have not received an invitation, please contact the Western Region office.



*Thank to all who have already responded to the invitation. Your donations not only support current services, but will help support new service initiatives including case management - empowering individuals as they make the transition to life-long self sufficiency.*

## WESTERN REGION STAFF

Regional Director, Emily Warder; Case Manager, Fredericka White; Title V Program Assistant, Brenda Brandon; Whitesville Outreach Coordinator, Sue Pauley



**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.