

"Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire." - William Butler Yeats

The Summer seemed so brief and school has engulfed our children and their minds once again. Catholic Charities WV (CCWVa) receives a portion of the Diocesan Catholic Sharing Appeal to help prepare youth for their return to school. This year CCWVa was able to purchase 250 backpacks and fill them with supplies to assist the children in being successful this school year. The agency gathered supplies from pencils, notebooks and crayons for the younger students to scientific calculators and USB drives for the older learners.

In Morgantown, the agency was able to partner once again with other service providers to distribute supplies through Christian Help. In Grafton, the agency also partnered with other service providers to get supplies to the youth in need. Partnerships are very important in these areas as to ensure no duplication of service and that CCWVa reaches the most students possible. In Preston County, supplies for younger students were provided to South Preston School. They will be distributing the back packs as needed to students throughout the year. Rebecca Hershman, Secretary for South

Preston School, said, "We appreciate the donation to our school." The supplies for the older children were given to Preston High School to distribute as they saw the need.

The backpack program is very important. CCWVa wants to give students the right start so they can focus on their studies and their parents can focus on helping with homework and helping their child adjust to school life. CCWVa, along with the children supported through this program, thank each of you that contribute to the Catholic Sharing Appeal which made this program possible.



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3rd Annual Lift Your Spirits Fundraiser for the Raymond Wolfe Center

Catholic Charities West Virginia's Raymond Wolfe Center is planning the 3rd annual Lift Your Spirits event. All proceeds from this event stay in Preston County to provide food to our neighbors in need through the Raymond Wolfe Center. The center provides a 3-5 day food supply for an average of 250 families per month. Through CCWVa's WellnessWorks Food pantry, trained staff work with families to address food restrictions and dietary needs. Educational hand outs on specified medical conditions and healthy alternatives are offered to the clients. CCWVa strives to work with residents to make Preston County a healthier community.

Once again, wine, hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. The event will be held on December 6th in Kingwood. Tickets are \$20.00 each and include a guaranteed good time. There will be a silent auction and raffle items. Raffle tickets are currently being sold for a full-size Harley Davidson logo quilt and half of a hog. These tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The winner will be drawn the evening of the event. You do not need to be present to win but we would love to see you there. Please call the Raymond Wolfe Center at (304) 329-3644 for a ticket. You can also contact Debbie Westbrook, CCWVa Central Region Advisory Council representative for the Catholic Churches of Preston County at phsband444@yahoo.com.



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NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED

July, August, September 2014

Food Assistance: 965
Utility Assistance: 9

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

July, August, September 2014

Volunteers: 84
Service Hours: 1,115

Serving Barbour, Preston, Taylor, Marion, Monongalia, Harrison, & Doddridge counties
Morgantown (304) 292-6597 Taylor(304)265-3091 Kingwood (304) 329-3644

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Fall 2014

CENTRAL REGION
Grafton + Morgantown + Kingwood

HOW CAN I HELP?

Catholic Charities West Virginia honors the dignity of the human person and embraces society with our doors open to all regardless of religious, ethnic or social background. We work together and offer our compassion while standing for justice and peace.

Your contribution is essential to our efforts to reduce poverty in the Mountain State; whether you serve in diocesan parish ministries, as a community volunteer, as a donor to Catholic Charities WV, or in prayer for the poor and vulnerable in our midst.

Needed Items for Food Pantries

Canned meats, flour, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup, dried beans, soups, crackers, coffee, tea, canned ravioli, pasta, mayonnaise, personal and cleaning supplies

WellnessWorks: Low sodium soups, sugar free products, whole grain pastas, canned fruits in light syrup, low sodium vegetables, fresh produce, breads and frozen meats

Donations can be made to the Central Region Office at:

827 Fairmont Rd, Suite 203
Morgantown, WV 26501
or by credit card online at www.catholiccharitieswv.org
or call 1-888-900-2989



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH AMERICORPS

CCWVa would like to thank the outgoing AmeriCorps members for the service they provided to the clients. Carol Wilson is the outgoing member from the Raymond Wolfe Center. Carol was at the RWC for 3 years. Irene Lueckel is the outgoing member from the Morgantown outreach office. Irene had been with the Morgantown office for one year. CCWVa appreciates the difference these ladies made in the lives of the staff and in the lives of the people we serve.



Justine McCoy is the new member for the Morgantown outreach office. CCWVa is excited to have these two new members and to see what new, innovative ideas they bring to the table.

AmeriCorps celebrated their 20th Anniversary this year. AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country. The program has

On August 19, 2014, two new AmeriCorps members went to Charleston for training. Don Maleta is the new member for the Raymond Wolfe Center, and

contributed more than 1.2 billion hours in service across America while tackling pressing problems and mobilizing millions of volunteers for the organizations they serve.

GRATIAS VOBIS AGO (THANK YOU!)



Volunteers from the CCWVa Morgantown office on the left and the Raymond Wolfe Center on the right. Both offices held volunteer appreciation events for the many dedicated individuals who help CCWVa serve its most vulnerable neighbors in need. Thank YOU!

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Save the Date!

13th Annual **Communities of Salt & Light** awards dinner on **Friday, April 17, 2015** at the Knights of Columbus in Fairmont, WV. Nomination forms are currently being accepted and are due to Kandi Shafer by December 22nd. For a nomination form, please see your parish secretary, Regional Advisory Council representative from your parish or Kandi at kshafer@ccwva.org or (304) 292-6597 ext. 3.

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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.