

## BECOME AN ASSET BUILDER



One of the most effective ways to help people out of poverty, addiction, poor physical and mental health, low-paying jobs and low education levels is to begin with the children.

There is a movement in the Eastern Panhandle that seeks to do just that. **JAM** (Join the Asset Movement) is a coalition of organizations, including Catholic Charities West Virginia's Promise House Family Resource Center, that is working to promote a community framework for helping children grow into healthy and contributing adults.

That framework, the Forty Developmental Assets, was created by the Search Institute more than a quarter of a century ago. Search

Institute studies show that the more of the developmental assets children have, the greater the chance is that they will grow into adulthood successfully. These assets include receiving support from three or more non-parent adults, spending one hour or more per week in activities in a religious institution and being given a positive role in the community.

Fortunately, the Assets movement is not a program that relies on funding or the existence of any certain organization. Instead, the Assets movement provides a blueprint for parents, family members, teachers, youth workers, pastors, employers, coaches, etc. — anyone can be an asset-builder!

To learn more about *JAM* and how you can get involved, please contact Kathie Campbell at (304) 267-8837 ext. 5 or at [kcampbell@ccwva.org](mailto:kcampbell@ccwva.org).

## FLOOD RECOVERY CONTINUES

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.

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 return them to safe, secure, and stable housing as they re-establish their lives.

## WHO WE HELPED

### Emergency Assistance\*

April – October 2016

	Martinsburg	Romney
Electricity	136 Families	103 Families
Water	63 Families	20 Families
Heating Fuel	4 Families	5 Families
Housing	2 Families	7 Families
Gas	2 Families	5 Families
Prescriptions	3 Individuals	2 Individuals
Transportation	2 Families	12 Families
Identification	9 Individuals	N/A
Totals	\$11,506.84 for 263 children, 326 adults and 13 seniors	\$7,887.25 for 186 children, 224 adults and 17 seniors

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



Fall 2016

**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**

## TRAINING FUTURE SOCIAL WORKERS

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](http://CatholicCharitiesWV.org)  
1-888-900-2989



Staff at the Martinsburg office of Catholic Charities West Virginia fill numerous roles in the community, including that of on-site teachers for local college students. This summer, Susan Callahan and Susan Clark began their field placements, or internships, as graduate students with the WVU School of Social Work, with Trina Bartlett, MSW, LGSW, serving as their field instructor for the 2016-2017 school year. Susan Shingleton began her field placements as a bachelor-level student from the Shepherd University School of Social Work with Kathie Campbell serving as her field instructor.

All three students have taken on various responsibilities, including working directly with clients. In addition, Susan Clark has been working closely with the Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless.

Because of their roles, both Catholic Charities and the Faith Community Coalition for the homeless have increased their capacity to assist struggling families. More importantly, by providing a positive learning environment, Catholic Charities is helping ensure that the Eastern Panhandle has capable, caring and well-prepared social workers.



## ROMNEY OUTREACH OFFICE BOOK SALE



*Supporters browse through books for sale through the seventh annual book sale of the Romney Outreach Office*

In October, the Romney Outreach Office of CCWVa raised more than \$2,500 to help local families during its seventh annual book sale. All the proceeds are used to meet an immediate financial emergency, such as utility termination, for low-income families from Hampshire, Hardy, Grant and Mineral Counties.

As in previous years, the book sale was held at Our Lady of Grace Church in Romney with donors and volunteers making the event happen. From putting books into categories, to setting up tables and displays, to handling sales, to tearing down and cleaning up after the event, the book sale depends on the generous time of numerous individuals.

Just as important are the individuals who buy the books and make donations. Some readers come to the book sale all three days, browsing through the stacks of books looking for their “winter reading.” One generous parishioner from Our Lady of Grace invites youth from Children’s Home Society to pick out the books they want, and then she pays for them.

The annual book sale is more than just an example of how the community supports Catholic Charities; it is also an example of how community members support each other.

## 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

**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.