

PROMISE HOUSE BLESSING

The Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston blessed the Catholic Charities West Virginia Promise House Family Resource Center on Saturday, May 17, 2014. He was joined by numerous community members, and, as pictured, CCWVA Board Member CEM Martin, Deacon Dave Galvin of St. James Catholic Church in Charles Town, CCWVA Executive Director Mark Sliter-Hays and the St. James Children's Choir.



WAGS OF LOVE



Connie Shanholtz and Jasmine visit with Phyllis Henley at Genesis Hampshire Health Care Facility in Romney.

The Romney Outreach office is fortunate to have Connie Shanholtz as the AmeriCorps member for the past year. Connie works very hard trying to increase support for local programs and is able to share Catholic Charities' spirit of love and giving throughout the community.

In April, Connie and two community volunteers spent the afternoon at the Hampshire Memorial Hospital long-term care ward spreading "Wags of Love." The volunteers and their three dogs visited the residents to spread smiles and wet puppy kisses. The effect was amazing. One resident who hadn't spoken in months surprised everybody by talking to each of the dogs (Catholic Charities staff has been told he hasn't spoken again since.)

The program was so successful that Connie took dogs to Genesis Hampshire Health Care Facility in Romney in

June. That day, Connie and Richard Shanholtz along with Jasmine, a long-haired dachshund, and Amanda Kesner with Angel, a Shih Tzu, visited the patients.

Connie's caring nature sparkles on a daily basis, and the Romney Office of Catholic Charities WV reaps the benefits! We are so lucky to have the opportunity to see her shine!

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

January—May 2014

	Martinsburg	Romney
Utility	162 Families	149 Families
Prescription	9 Families	2 Families
Rent	3 Families	4 Families
Transportation		4 Families
	\$ 18,815.37	\$ 11,048.39

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday September 8 Third Annual Cuisine with a Cause at 5pm at the Purple Iris in Martinsburg.

Thursday, October 9—Saturday, October 11 Fifth Annual Romney Book Sale at Our Lady of Grace Church in Romney.

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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 Supplies

Household Supplies:

Toilet paper
Paper towels
Bleach
Detergent

Personal supplies:

Deodorant
Shampoo
Soap
Toothpaste
Razors

Donations and supplies can be donated

at
224 S Queen Street
Martinsburg, WV 25401
or
260 School Street
Romney, WV 26757

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www.catholiccharitieswv.org

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WATCH US GROW!

Jefferson County Outreach is now in Charles Town every Friday. To better serve families in Jefferson County, Outreach Worker Susan King is now providing assistance with utility termination notices, eviction notices or prescriptions at the Jefferson County Department of Health and Human Resources office at 239 Willow Springs Drive in Charles Town. Susan continues to partner with local organizations to ensure the best use of all community-based services.



New Program Assistant, Siobhán Bertone, is honored to join the Catholic Charities family on August 11. She is excited to apply her Mental Health/Human Services background and to share and expand upon Catholic Social Teaching as she works to support those in need in our area. For almost ten years, Bertone has been working in various types of ministry and outreach programs in West Virginia. Prior to, she coordinated a ministry based service in Manhattan, that supported individuals and families who had lost children before/at birth.

PARENTING PARTNERS

Family Resource Center Coordinator Kathie Campbell was one of four community members trained this spring as *Parenting Partners*. Following training, she helped teach a six-week series of classes to parents at Burke Street Elementary School in Martinsburg. The program was sponsored by the Berkeley County Schools Office of Federal Programs.

Parenting Partners, a product of Family Leadership, Inc., is a comprehensive method for engaging parents in their children's academic success. The curriculum is based on Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets, and parents learn manageable, effective parenting skills. The six families who graduated from the program said they would encourage other families to enroll this fall.

A collaborative effort made the program work. Berkeley County Schools, Children's Home Society, RESA 8, Promise Neighborhood Initiative and Catholic Charities WV Promise House have all pledged continued commitment to the program.

Save the Date!

Third Annual Cuisine With a Cause
September 8, 2014
at The Purple Iris at Hartwood
1956 Winchester Avenue | Martinsburg, WV

*Proceeds to benefit CCWVa's Eastern Region services,
which are available to all people.*



EASTERN REGION STAFF

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Regional Director: Trina Bartlett
Program Assistant: Siobhán Bertone
Office Assistant: LaJuan Hill

Promise House Coordinator: Kathie Campbell
Outreach Worker: Susan King

Romney Outreach Office

Outreach Coordinator: Teresa Reddick
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