

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPAGHETTI DINNER



Hundreds of Community Members Gather for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center's Main Annual Fundraiser

The 20th Annual Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center's Spaghetti Dinner was held on Sunday, April 24. Once again, members of the community came together to support the extensive work the Neighborhood Center does for the most vulnerable in our community. We served nearly 650 meals on-site and sold about 870 take-out meals.

Each year in anticipation of the event, we prepare over 5,000 meatballs, 120 gallons of spaghetti sauce, 320 pounds of spaghetti noodles, 340 pounds of homemade sausage, and 250 loaves of Italian bread. We are grateful for our dedicated and tireless volunteers who come together, year after year, to make the event a success.

Pam Campbell, Assistant Director of Operations at the Neighborhood Center, has been the staff member at the heart of planning the Spaghetti Dinner for many years. She will be retiring in May, and Andrea Staron, Northern Regional Director, took a moment at the dinner to recognize Pam for her remarkable work and 17 years of service to the Neighborhood Center.

Over the years, Pam has participated in every aspect of the Center's programs and operations, getting to know each of our clients as individuals and caring for them with compassion. At the Spaghetti Dinner, Pam enjoyed the well wishes of the many long-time supporters of the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center.



(From Left) Pam Campbell Is Honored by Andrea Staron for Her Years of Dedicated Service

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER FOCUSES ON NUTRITION

Serving fresh, healthy food is a priority for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center. For the second year in a row, we are partnering with Grow Ohio Valley to provide fresh, locally grown produce to our clients during the summer months. Throughout the year, and especially through the winter months, Jebbia's Market and Gordon's Food Service source fresh and delicious produce for us.

Our on-site and meal delivery clients enjoy fresh vegetables, prepared in a healthy way that maintains their nutritional value. Our food pantry clients are able to choose among a variety of fresh produce as they shop.

Multiple grants have made this possible, and we could not afford to do this without support from the Hess Family Foundation, the Schenk Foundation, United Way, Walmart, and the AEP Foundation. Jebbia's Market also provides us with very generous donations throughout the year.



Fresh Produce Is Available for On-Site, Meal Delivery and Food Pantry Clients

HOW WE ASSIST

October 2015 — March 2016

	Wheeling	Weirton
Utility Assistance:	117 Families	46 Families
Meals On-Site:	17,240 Meals Served	
Food Pantry:	Avg. 414 Families per Month	
Delivered Meals:	174 Households (Daily)	



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NORTHERN REGION
Wheeling + Weirton

Working to reduce poverty in Marshall, Ohio, Brooke, and Hancock counties, plus Belmont County, OH

Wheeling [CCNC]: (304) 232-7157

Weirton: (304) 830-2410

HELPING CLIENTS IN BROOKE AND HANCOCK COUNTIES

Catholic Charities West Virginia is open to all people regardless of their race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, protected Veteran status, political beliefs, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, marital or family status.

Volunteer Opportunities

Meal Delivery Drivers
Cleaning Crew
Data Entry
Kitchen Crew
Receptionist
Hospitality Ministers
Donation pick-ups

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for more information on these and other volunteer opportunities.

Mail donations to:
P.O. Box 6176
Wheeling, WV
26003

or by credit card
online at
CatholicCharitiesWV.org
1-888-900-2989



Each month, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) serves Brooke and Hancock Counties by setting up a mobile office in four different public libraries. Clients meet with a case manager, who can help them obtain a variety of CCWVa services, as well as link them to other services for which they are eligible.

Our case managers also assist clients by giving them the support to move toward self-sufficiency. Recently, our Outreach Worker, Susan Newman, met a client in Hancock County. Susan was able to assess his financial situation, determine his eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and help him apply. He qualified for the maximum benefit available, and was able to get much needed help in purchasing food. He returned a month later, requesting help with a utility termination. Once again, Susan was able to meet his needs, and paid his utility bill in full. He reported that he had just started a new job, and would no longer need the assistance of CCWVa. He was very grateful for the support we were able to give him during his time of need.

This is just one example of many where CCWVa was able to provide a temporary safety net to someone going through a difficult time while between jobs. Each day, our clients inspire us with their strength, and give us hope for the day they will be able to succeed on their own. In the meantime, we stay by their side, providing assistance and encouragement in every way we can.



PROVIDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH SNAP OUTREACH PROGRAM

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) is alleviating poverty in West Virginia through its Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach Program.

After receiving the first USDA SNAP Outreach Grant for West Virginia, CCWVa launched its SNAP

Outreach Program in 2015. This free program is designed to help people in applying for SNAP benefits.

“As the nation’s first line of defense against hunger, SNAP helps put food on the table for low income families and individuals every month,” said Robin Bowman, CCWVa SNAP Outreach Coordinator.

In its first year, the CCWVa SNAP Outreach Program assisted more than 450 low-income West Virginians in applying for this benefit.

One of those 450 families is Tina’s. Tina is a grandmother who is raising her terminally ill grandson. With a low income, she struggles with the day-to-day expenses of caring for her grandson, and she didn’t know what to do. The CCWVa SNAP Outreach team talked to Tina about SNAP benefits and assisted her in completing an application. Tina is now receiving the SNAP benefit and says she is truly grateful for the help she received from CCWVa.

For more information, call 1-844-292-3217 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/SNAP-Outreach.



NORTHERN REGION STAFF

Regional Director: Andrea Staron, MPP; **Neighborhood Center Coordinator:** Diana Bell, LSW; **Regional Case Manager:** Kelly Pizzoferrato; **Regional Program Assistant:** (Vacant); **Outreach Worker:** Susan Newman; **Kitchen Manager:** Betty Simeth; **Maintenance:** Kevin Simeth; **AmeriCorps Members:** Ted Allen and Darius Savage

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.