

CLEANING, CORNHOLE AND CRISTO REY



Cristo Rey students helped serve dinner

In July, the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center (CCNC) hosted students taking part in the Cristo Rey Summer Academy at Wheeling Jesuit University (WJU). These students came to Wheeling from New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, and several other cities in the Midwest and East Coast. During the day of service with the CCNC, the students went to the homes of some of the shut-ins who receive meals each day from the CCNC and spent time cleaning and conversing with them.

After an afternoon of work, the students returned to join the CCNC clients for a picnic under the overpass. Volunteers grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, while Cristo Rey students and administrators from WJU served food. Games of cornhole ensued that more closely resembled

baseball, and everyone enjoyed being outdoors after weeks of rain.

Hosting the Cristo Rey students for a day of service is but one example of the partnership between Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) and WJU. As Northern Regional Director Elizabeth Paulhus pointed out, "We are blessed to have a Catholic university in our backyard that is actively engaged in the work that we do, particularly at the Neighborhood Center."

From food and toy drives to the delivery of donations from Riesbeck's and Panera's to the building of a community garden at Petroplus Towers, the partnership with WJU has enabled the agency to provide key services and programs to those in need in Ohio and Marshall counties.



Volunteers grilled on-site for the cookout

PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS IN HANCOCK COUNTY

With the price of rental properties continuing to rise throughout the Northern Panhandle, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) has been fortunate to receive funds that can be used to stop evictions and stabilize housing. The agency received more than \$5,600 in Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funds to cover one month's rent for households that have received eviction notices in Hancock County. In addition, applicants for EFSP funds are strongly encouraged to apply for CCWVa's case management program, which can provide them with better financial skills, supportive counseling, stronger goal-setting skills, and much more.

If you or someone you know in Hancock County has received an eviction notice due to missed rent payments, you might be eligible for EFSP funds. Contact Erin Krusec, the Regional Case Manager, at 304-748-4409 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Note: if you are a Brooke County resident, CCWVa may be able to assist you as well. Call Erin to learn if additional EFSP funds have been released for that county.

HOW WE ASSIST

March – June 2015

	Wheeling	Weirton
Utility Assistance:	96 Families	46 Families
Meals On-Site:	8,124 Meals Served	
Food Pantry:	Avg 374 Families a Month	
Delivered Meals:	206 Households (Daily)	



Through Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event, you can purchase a shopping pass from us for \$5. The pass is valid for 25% off on October 20. Call (304) 232-7157 for more information.

You can go shopping and support the CCNC at the same time in October!

Through Boscov's Friends Helping

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

Wheeling [CCNC]: (304) 232-7157

Weirton: (304) 748-4409

FOCUSING ON NUTRITION

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.



CCNC staff attend a knife skills training

In an ongoing effort to improve the nutritional value of the foods provided through the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center's (CCNC) feeding programs, Catholic Charities West Virginia entered into an agreement with Grow Ohio Valley to purchase fresh, local produce each week. This agreement was made possible through a generous grant from the Hess Family Foundation. This produce is being turned into nutritious meals for the 200+ shut-ins who receive meals daily and the individuals who come to the CCNC for breakfast and dinner.

Prior to the launch of this partnership, Elizabeth Paulhus met with staff from the West Virginia Extension office to discuss food storage, menu planning, and trainings. These conversations culminated in a

knife skills training for all CCNC staff, run by Bob Gracey from West Virginia Northern Community College's culinary arts program. Converting from cans and ready-to-use packages to fresh produce is not an easy transition, but staff and volunteers have been working hard to make it as easy as possible.

In addition, the CCNC is also working to increase the amount of fresh produce that is being given out through the food pantry twice a week. Between Walmart donations and the produce donated from local gardeners and organizations through the Grow a Row campaign, the CCNC has been blessed to receive a significant quantity of fresh produce. However, there still is a need for much more. Remember, if you have any excess produce this year from your garden, the CCNC will be accepting donations on Mondays and Wednesdays to distribute through the food pantry. Thank you to everyone who has brought in beautiful produce so far this year.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

Mail donations to:

P.O. Box 6176
Wheeling, WV
26003

or
3622-B West Street
Weirton, WV
26062

or by credit card
online at

CatholicCharitiesWV.org
1-888-900-2989



Catholic Charities West Virginia's

Fifth Annual
Autumn Gathering

October 23, 2015



Keynote: Kevin Concannon

Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA

Mass begins at 5:30 p.m. at

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Reception, dinner and presentation
immediately following Mass at the

Embassy Suites

301 Court Street, Charleston, WV

NEW ACTIVITIES ROOM READY

Thanks to a generous donation from Larry Bandi and Wheeling Central Catholic High School, the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center now has



The new Activities Room is ready for use six computers that will be used for classes on computer basics, resume writing, job searches, and much more.

These computers are located in the new Activities Room at the CCNC. Diana Bell, Assistant Director of Programming, has identified several volunteers to run these classes, but there is room for more assistance.

If you have experience and interest in offering a class on the topics previously mentioned or have an idea for another class or workshop that could be offered, please contact Diana at 304-232-7157 or at dbell@ccwva.org.

NORTHERN REGION STAFF

Regional Director: Elizabeth Paulhus, MPP; **Assistant Director of Operations (CCNC):** Pam Campbell; **Assistant Director of Programming (CCNC):** Diana Bell, LSW; **Regional Case Manager:** Erin Krusec, MA, LPC, PC; **Outreach Worker:** Susan Newman; **Kitchen Manager:** Betty Simeth; **Maintenance:** Kevin Simeth; **AmeriCorps members:** Ted Allen and Sheila McGhee.

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.