

UP AND COMING IMPROVEMENTS

Many exciting things are happening this fall at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center (CCNC)!

The CCNC recently received a grant to develop two indoor hydroponics systems, which will enable the Center to grow fresh lettuce and herbs all year long. Clients from the food pantry, meal delivery program, and those who eat meals onsite will all enjoy this fresh produce. CCNC is partnering with Wheeling Jesuit University, Grow Ohio Valley, and others to make the project a success.

Another grant has made it possible for CCNC to purchase a humidity and temperature controlled chamber, which will help to preserve fresh fruits and vegetables for much longer than would a refrigerator. The Neighborhood Center is looking forward to preserving some of the bounty of delicious fresh produce received from Grow Ohio Valley this summer.

The Neighborhood Center is also taking another step toward becoming more energy efficient. Solar panels will soon be installed on the roof of the building, which will significantly reduce energy costs for many years to come.

Additionally, CCNC is working on creating a second day room for clients. Plans are in place to transform the back room into a client-centered space, full of games and art supplies.

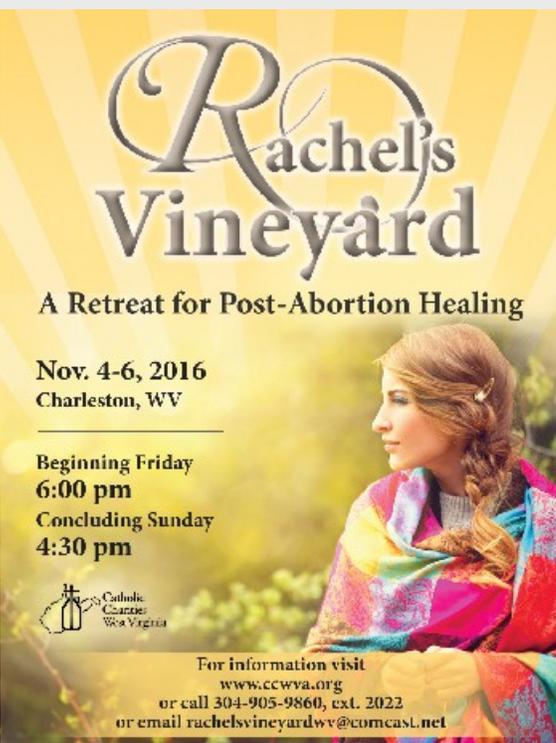
Be sure to visit this fall to see these changes!

LONG-TERM FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS BEGIN

The June 22nd flooding in West Virginia is being called a 1,000 year flood. Recovery from the devastation is expected to take more than five years.

Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) Disaster Recovery Services focus on long-term recovery for individuals and communities, which typically starts 4-5 months after a disaster and can last for years. To prepare for this phase, CCWVa staff have been participating in WV-VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) planning meetings, attending county Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) meetings, developing partnerships with local and state organizations, and coordinating resources with parishes and groups providing help.

"We are committed to serving those affected by this tragedy for the long-term and ensuring people affected by the disaster return to a safe, secure, and stable living situation," said Mark Sliter, Executive Director of CCWVa.



Rachel's Vineyard
A Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing

Nov. 4-6, 2016
Charleston, WV

Beginning Friday
6:00 pm
Concluding Sunday
4:30 pm

For information visit
www.ccwva.org
or call 304-905-9860, ext. 2022
or email rachelsvineyardwv@comcast.net

CCWVa Work
Camp Volunteers
Assist a Victim of
the June 2016
Flash Flooding in
West Virginia



HOW WE ASSIST

April 2016 — July 2016

Utility Assistance:	271 Families
Meals On-Site:	9,914 Meals Served
Food Pantry:	Avg. 409 Families per Month
Delivered Meals:	181 Households (Daily)

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

Wheeling [CCNC]: (304) 232-7157

Hancock/Brooke Counties: (304) 830-2410

SUMMER COOKOUTS AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

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.

The Neighborhood Center often tries to provide opportunities for clients to participate in fun activities and events that they are otherwise unable to access. During the heat of this summer, Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center (CCNC) hosted two summer cookouts in its shaded parking area. Clients enjoyed a buffet of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and a variety of salads. The events also included delicious fresh fruit, cool beverages, and games for clients to play. Both cookouts had great turnouts and the clients enjoyed the change of venue.

The CCNC team said they enjoy making things special for clients and look forward to having more cookouts in the future.

Save the Date
Catholic Charities West Virginia

Sixth Annual
Autumn Gathering



October 28, 2016
Embassy Suites in Charleston

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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY PACKETS AVAILABLE



To open the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote,

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. [15]

Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) mission is "to alleviate poverty, distress, and injustice." We do this, in part, by "calling all people of good will, especially those of the Church, to service." To that end, and to celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy in a concrete way, CCWVa Parish Social Ministry invites the parishes of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to reach out to their brothers and sisters. We will offer resource materials and guidance as parishes seek to establish or enhance their social ministries.

On Ash Wednesday 2016, CCWVa released the first of a three-part series which aims to enable parishes to Learn, Plan, and Proceed on outreach opportunities in their communities. We have since released part 2 – Plan – and part 3 is in the works. If you are interested in receiving these materials, please contact Kate at kkosydar@ccwva.org or at 304-622-4532. Together, we can be "merciful like the Father"!



JUBILEE OF MERCY

Mail donations to:
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Wheeling, WV
26003

or by credit card
online at

CatholicCharitiesWV.org
1-888-900-2989



NORTHERN REGION STAFF

Regional Director: Andrea Staron, MPP; **Neighborhood Center Coordinator:** Diana Bell, LSW; **Regional Case Manager:** Kelly Pizzoferrato; **Regional Program Assistant:** Grant Coleman; **Outreach Worker:** Susan Hollis; **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.