

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEAD THE CHARGE FOR “FORTY CANS FOR LENT”



*Members of Knights of Columbus Council 594
Deliver Food Items Collected through Their
“Forty Cans for Lent” Drive*

The Parkersburg Knights of Columbus Council 594 collected more than 5,000 pounds of food during Lent for the Parkersburg Region. The food was distributed through Catholic Charities West Virginia’s (CCWVa) five mobile outreach sites as well as the New Martinsville Outreach Office. All food collected in Tyler and Wetzel Counties was given to the Outreach Office. Food was also given to the St. Francis Xavier Food Closet and St. Margaret Mary Matthew 25 Food Pantry in Parkersburg.

Fred Esker, CCWVa Regional Advisory Council Member and Knight, also recruited the assistance of Parkersburg Catholic High School’s senior boys to help with the collection of food from the drop-off sites each week. Other students spent time after school sorting and checking for expiration dates. The confirmation class from St. Michael Church in Vienna alone collected 1,100 cans of food through one of their class service projects!

“The food provided for the Mobile Food Pantry is a huge blessing,” said Kim Jackson, CCWVa Program Assistant. “This will provide us with enough canned food for approximately three months. That really helps with our food budget.”

More than 170 families receive a 3-5 day supply of canned foods, fresh produce and bread each month at Mobile Outreach food pantry sites. Canned food, especially fruits and vegetables for the Mobile Outreach Food Pantry, can be dropped off at the Catholic Charities regional office Monday through Friday 8:30 – 4:30 pm.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES GIFT FROM ANTERO RESOURCES

Antero Resources, an oil and gas company operating in North Central West Virginia, recently presented the staff of Catholic Charities West Virginia’s (CCWVa) Mobile Outreach and WellnessWorks Food Pantry with a \$1,000 check to be used in Doddridge and Ritchie Counties. CCWVa was one of 20 food pantries in the company’s service area to receive funding.

Mr. Al Schopp, Antero’s Regional Senior Vice President of Appalachia, made the presentation. He said one of the reasons Antero brought food pantries together for the luncheon program was to provide an opportunity for attendees to talk with one another and compare notes. Schopp also shared his hope that organizations would connect at the event, strengthening their relationships and their efforts to serve their communities.

Representatives from regional food pantries shared their appreciation and discussed their accomplishments and needs. The CCWVa staff was fortunate to have some of its Doddridge County volunteers present for the event as well.



*Representatives of 20 Area Food Pantries Receive
Donations from Antero Resources*

REGIONAL ASSISTANCE

October 2015 - March 2016

Assistance	Families	Individuals
Utilities, Prescriptions, Transportation	97	268
Food Pantries	842	1,966
Stone Soup Kitchen Meals		2,122

Working to reduce poverty in Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wetzel, Wirt and Wood Counties

Parkersburg (304) 917-4486 | New Martinsville (304) 455-9740 | Mobile Outreach (304) 989-4511

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL DRIVE FOR HOPE GOLF SCRAMBLE

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.

The Second Annual Drive for Hope Golf Scramble will be held July 16 at Worthington Golf Club in Parkersburg. "The inaugural scramble last year was a great time, and we raised twice our goal amount! We are looking forward to another fun and successful event this year," said Deborah Shaffer, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Parkersburg Region Director.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to meet the needs of those less fortunate in the Parkersburg Region. The cost is \$220 for a four person team. This registration fee includes golf and cart for four players, one mulligan per player, lunch, and 2 beverage tickets per player.

The event will also feature a raffle, cash drawings, and door prizes.



2015 Drive for Hope



Saturday, July 16

Registration is available online at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

Teams can also register by sending payment and a list of team players to:
CCWVa Parkersburg
1226 Market Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

For more information, call the CCWVa Parkersburg Regional Office at 304-917-4486 or email Deborah Shaffer at dshaffer@ccwva.org.

Needed Items

Canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix & syrup, dried beans, soups, crackers, coffee, tea, dry pasta, personal and cleaning supplies

WellnessWorks:

Low-sodium products, sugar free products, whole grain pastas, canned fruits in light syrup, fresh produce

Deliver donations to

1226 Market St.
Parkersburg, WV
26101

or by credit card
online at

CatholicCharitiesWV.org
1-888-900-2989

HELP PROVIDED WITH SNAP BENEFIT APPLICATIONS

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 was 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.

"We believe that if one person is going hungry, that is one too many," said Bowman.

For more information, call 1.844.292.3217 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/SNAP-Outreach.

Save the Date
Catholic Charities West Virginia

Sixth Annual
Autumn Gathering



October 28, 2016
Embassy Suites in Charleston

PARKERSBURG REGION STAFF

Regional Director, Deborah Shaffer; Program Assistant, Kim Jackson; New Martinsville Outreach Coordinator, Chasity Means; AmeriCorps Member, Andrea Collins



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.