

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SENDS STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL WITH NEW BACKPACKS

The New Martinsville Outreach Office once again worked with the New Martinsville United Methodist Church and other churches, businesses, and agencies in the area to host the Annual Family Fun Day – Backpack Giveaway on Sunday, August 7 at the United Methodist Church.

Grilled hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream, and other assorted snacks and drinks prepared by community volunteers kept the kids energized throughout the afternoon as they participated in a variety of games. More than 300 children received backpacks provided by Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa). Each bag was filled with age-appropriate school supplies that were donated by other local churches and organizations. Most of these children would not have had the supplies to start the school year without the assistance of CCWVa and other community partners.



*Backpacks Are Distributed to Children in Need*

## 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 5 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.



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

“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.



## REGIONAL ASSISTANCE

April 2016 - June 2016

Assistance	Families	Individuals
Utilities, Prescriptions, Transportation	69	178
Food Pantries	507	1,193
Stone Soup Kitchen Meals		1,266

## GOLF SCRAMBLE EXCEEDS GOAL

76 golfers took to the links Saturday, July 16, at Worthington Golf Club in Parkersburg to raise funds for Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) Parkersburg Region.

Special thanks are extended to this year's Drive for Hope Gold Sponsor, Park Shopping Center, and Silver Sponsor, G & W Industrial Sales, for their help with reaching event fundraising goals.

More than \$10,000 was raised to assist with utility terminations, six food pantries, case management services, and other programs throughout the 9-county region.

*Lisa Schindler and Dennis Balcerek, Regional Advisory Council members, serve as score keepers for the second annual 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.

### 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](http://CatholicCharitiesWV.org)  
1-888-900-2989



# 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](http://www.ccwva.org)  
or call 304-905-9860, ext. 2022  
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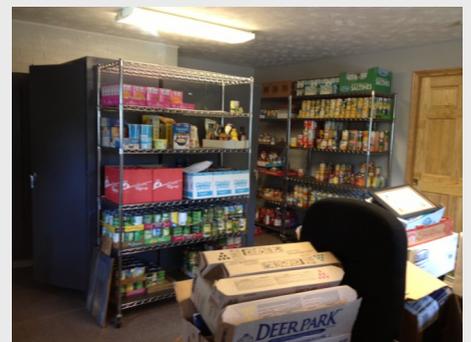


## NEW MARTINSVILLE OFFICE MAKES CHANGES TO BETTER SERVE CLIENTS

The New Martinsville Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Outreach Office was recently remodeled to better serve the clients in the area. Located on the campus of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church (behind Long John Silver's), CCWVa and Community Resources Inc. have entered into a shared space arrangement. This arrangement now reduces the transportation issues clients faced when travelling to both agencies for assistance.

The space is now divided into two private offices with separate entrances. Members of the church spent numerous hours painting, carpeting, and helping to move furniture. People seeking help with utility terminations and food assistance from CCWVa should use the first door on the office building. Chasity Means, CCWVa Outreach Coordinator, is available Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 am – 4 pm.

Households and individuals must be at or below 150% of the poverty guidelines (net income) to receive assistance. Households receiving SNAP benefits from the WVDHHR are determined to be low income and are therefore eligible for CCWVa. For more information about Catholic Charities West Virginia and its programs, contact Chasity at 304-455-9740.



## 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.