

NIGHT OF INSPIRATION



*Senator John R. Unger II
addressing the issue of hunger in
our communities*

Catholic Charities West Virginia's Loaves and Fishes office sponsored "A Night of Inspiration" film screening and community dialogue session to increase awareness and to help reduce poverty in Summers County.

The event was held at The Ritz Theatre in Hinton on May 6, 2014, from 6:00 –8:00 p.m. and included a viewing of the film "A Place at the Table."

The film is a documentary that investigates incidents of hunger experienced by millions of Americans and proposed solutions to the problem.

Senator Unger, CCWVa board member and Chair of the Child Select Committee on Poverty, led the discussion on ways to address hunger and the question and answer session about the Feed to Achieve Act.

To find out how you can collaborate with other community organizations to join the fight against hunger, contact the regional office.

Donations are being accepted to support programs sponsored by Loaves and Fishes in Hinton, and can be mailed to P.O. Box 56, Hinton, WV 25951.

MENTORING PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Catholic Charities West Virginia held a kick-off event for the McDowell Mentoring Program on April 17th at Mt. View Middle School. Mentors were introduced to their mentees, and took part in various activities during the event. The McDowell Mentoring Program is made possible through a sub grant with Catholic Charities USA from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Additional funding and support is provided by the Reconnecting McDowell subcommittee members, including Reconnecting McDowell, McDowell County Schools and the Search Institute. The mentoring program has been designed to assist youth with improving their developmental assets, decreasing truancy, increasing school achievement and decreasing anti-social behavior.

To become a mentor or find out more information about the program, contact Carol Bailey at 304-425-4306, or cbailey@ccwva.org.



NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED

April—June, 2014	
Food:	1707
Utilities:	181
Clothing:	807
Transportation:	4
Total:	2699
:	

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

April—June, 2014	
Volunteers:	110
Service Hours:	628

Serving Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Nicholas, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers & Wyoming Counties

www.catholiccharitieswv.org



P r i n c e t o n † E c k m a n † H i n t o n † W h i t e S u l p h u r S p r i n g s
Summer 2014

SOUTHERN REGION

HOW CAN I HELP?

Catholic Charities West Virginia honors the dignity of the human person and embraces society with our doors open to all regardless of religious, ethnic or social background. We work together and offer our compassion while standing for justice and peace.

Your contribution is essential to our efforts to reduce poverty in the Mountain State; whether you serve in diocesan parish ministries, as a community volunteer, as a donor to Catholic Charities WV, or in prayer for the poor and vulnerable in our midst.

Volunteer Opportunities

Regional Advisory Council
Parish Social Ministry
Food pantry volunteer
Camp support
Office support
Mentor

Needed Supplies

Non-perishable food
Cleaning supplies
Personal hygiene items
School supplies

Donations can be made to the Southern Region Office at

PO Box 386

Princeton, WV 24740

or by credit card online at www.catholiccharitieswv.org
or call 1-888-900-2989



or join us on Facebook

CCWVA SPONSORS POVERTY SIMULATION

Catholic Charities West Virginia, in collaboration with St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley, and the WVU Extension Office, sponsored a Poverty Simulation on April 6th. Students from grades 8-12 took part in the simulation held at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley to experience what it would be like to live in a poverty-stricken family. The students were divided randomly and assigned different income levels and family situations. They were then asked to make decisions about how to spend money from their small budgets. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 1 in 4 West Virginia children lives below the federal poverty line. The goal of the simulation is to educate youth about the realities of poverty, and encourage them to make a difference in their community.



MOTHERLY LOVE MOTIVATES SUCCESS



Often when single mothers find themselves in a financial crisis situation, the love for their children motivates them to work harder and to make sacrifices to achieve their goals in order to sufficiently provide for them. In their difficult environment, any success they make is an important step in this journey. That is the case of Brenda, a native of McDowell County, who was married at 17, and had two sons by the age of 22. She subsequently moved to North Carolina where she lived for almost 20 years. Two years ago, Brenda moved back to McDowell County with her teenage daughter to take care of her sick mother. When her mother passed away, Brenda became homeless and was accepted into S.A.F.E. (Stop Abusive Family Environment), where she and her daughter had lived for 18 months, as she no longer had a family support system. Brenda was excited to be accepted into CCWVa's Case Management program, which would assist her to secure permanent housing, furniture and household items, and obtain her High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma. Sr. Binh Nguyen, Brenda's Case Manager, offered support and encouragement which allowed her to focus on this goal. Brenda was eager to gain budgeting skills to help her better manage her future financial situation. With assistance from McDowell County Adult Basic Education Instructor, Gwenn Mayhew, Brenda passed her HSE exam. Brenda credits Catholic Charities with providing the tools and support necessary which allowed her to provide a better life for her and her daughter.

SOUTHERN REGION STAFF

Regional Office (304) 425-4306: Carol Bailey, Regional Director / Jean McCloud, Program Assistant

Sacred Heart Food Pantry (304) 327-5623): Jean McCloud, Program Assistant

Loaves & Fishes(304) 466-2110: Earl "Buck" Dodd, Outreach Coordinator/Bridget Dignan, BA, Bethlehem Farms Consultant

McDowell Mentoring: (304) 425-4306: Jami Clark, BSW, Mentoring Coordinator

Eckman Outreach (304) 862-3320 Learning Center (304) 862-3318: Gwenn Mayhew, BA, Adult Basic Education Instructor/Sister Binh Nguyen, OP, Case Manager

Stevens Correctional Facility, Welch: Aleto Riley, ABE Instructor

Greenbrier Outreach (304) 536-4177: Pete Hoeman, M.A., Case Manager

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.