

NEW ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM OPENED IN HUNTINGTON

In November, Catholic Charities West Virginia launched the Center for Community Learning and Advancement (CCLA) in Huntington. This new program will focus on adult education by providing high quality academic instruction and case management services. Adult learners will work with both an instructor and a case manager (or “navigator”) from the time they begin the intake process through completion of the program. This team approach in staffing aims to ensure that each learner is being supported holistically and that goals are set that address barriers that interfere with work and education, as well as life in general. Ensuring that staff members are on the same page with each learner from the very beginning of the process will strengthen the work done with the learners and enable staff to seamlessly reinforce one others’ work.

The instructor and the navigator will assess the learner through a variety of both informal and formal assessments. The assessments will assist the instructor and navigator in gaining a sense of the learner's strengths and interests as they pertain to higher education or a career. This information will be incorporated into the development of a service plan, or individualized learning plan. Goals about education and career will be central; however, the navigator can address a broad spectrum of concerns ranging from housing to transportation to child care.

Academically, the instructor will incorporate assignments and activities that develop skills that correlate to the learner’s short-term and long-term goals. Outside of the classroom, the learner will have weekly or bi-weekly meetings with the navigator to develop the abilities and skills to address and overcome barriers to attaining the goals set forth in the individualized learning plan.



LONG-TERM FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS CONTINUE

West Virginia is continuing long-term flood recovery efforts, and coordination of recovery cases is imperative to reaching every survivor and ensuring resources are available for the duration. There are eight county-wide Long-Term Recovery Committees (LTRCs), which work to ensure that recovery efforts are coordinated and collaborative. CCWVa is a partner agency of several of the LTRCs, and as such, staff sit on the LTRC and help with the coordination of case information and disaster case management. In addition, as the LTRCs are beginning to assign volunteer work teams to cases, CCWVa is providing seed funds to the LTRCs to use for building supplies for the work teams to complete their assigned job.

As long-term recovery advances, more intensive disaster case management is crucial. LTRC partner agencies Disaster Case Managers (DCM) are assigned to cases by the LTRC. The DCMs work with the survivors to develop their plan to recovery. They walk with the survivors throughout the recovery process and help with volunteer labor and funding for building materials, personal property replacements (e.g. appliances), and contractors when projects require more skilled labor.

CCWVa is well-positioned to help people in the long-term and return them to safe, secure, and stable housing as they re-establish their lives.

HOW WE HELPED

July – September 2016

639 People Served
5,300 Pounds of Food Disbursed
631 Pounds of Personal Care/Cleaning Items Disbursed
25 Volunteers Provided Service

Working to reduce poverty in Boone, Cabell, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne Counties

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REMEMBERING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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.

Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) annual appeal is underway, and the agency is inviting all people to join in our vision of hope for West Virginia by contributing to this appeal.

At upcoming masses, volunteers will share stories of people struggling to meet the most basic needs of daily living, such as those addressed in the Gospel of Matthew. Parishioners will hear about CCWVa programs that address those needs and focus on reducing poverty. These programs and services include case management services, basic needs assistance, and adult learning services such as Partners for the Course and the Center for Community Learning and Advancement.

The annual appeal is a crucial component of the CCWVa budget, and donations to this appeal directly affect the amount of assistance and the quality of service the agency provides. The impact of contributions to this appeal is not only of tremendous value to those served, but also to the donors as they recall their own personal stories and reasons for responding.

The staff of the CCWVa Western Region encourages anyone seeking a deeper connection to the agency to visit one of our outreach offices in Charleston, Whitesville, or Huntington to learn more about the people we serve and the work we do.



We wish you a blessed holiday season!

Needed Supplies

Household Supplies:
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Bleach
Detergent

Personal supplies:
Deodorant
Shampoo
Soap
Toothpaste
Razors

UNITED WAY PARTNERSHIPS INTEGRAL TO CCWVA

Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) services that aim to alleviate, prevent and reduce poverty in West Virginia rely on many partnerships and collaborations to ensure it is addressing the real and unique issues and needs of a particular local community. CCWVa local outreach staff and United Way agencies throughout the state work in partnership with other community stakeholders to identify broad community needs, develop networks of assistance to improve the lives of the people in each community and look to affect lasting change for the better.

These partnerships create opportunities for CCWVa to build comprehensive service networks that make the most of resources by linking clients to other assistance partners that may be able to address the sometimes complex and varied needs of those seeking assistance. In addition, CCWVa enjoys being a funded partner with eight United Way agencies for 14 counties. These grant funds provide valuable resources for specific and localized CCWVa programs and services. Lastly, annual donor-designated charitable gift payroll deductions that are available to employees of United Way corporate partners offer both localized funding and broad or greatest need funding for CCWVa.

CCWVa sees partnerships as an integral part of ensuring that resources, both human and fiscal, are maximized, and that programs are addressing the complex and specific needs of the people in rural and populated communities throughout the state. CCWVa enjoys great partnerships with United Way agencies in the local communities and with the larger agency to ensure needs are met, and the relationships endure.



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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.