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GIVING HOPE to All



2017

The Catholic Charities Appeal is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important annual fundraising initiative and we're counting on your support. This year, the Catholic Charities Appeal will be a channel of hope for tens of thousands of people through countless organizations and ministries in the Archdiocese, and a positive source for good in all facets of the Church in Philadelphia. We ask you to look deep in your heart and be as generous as you can to help us reach our \$12.5 million goal. So many people are counting on us. So we're counting on you to give hope this year to those who need it the most.



HELP for young mothers CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES



Alicia Jones needed help. She was a 22-year-old single mother of a 3-year old and an infant. And thanks to the generosity of people like you, Catholic Social Services (CSS) Montgomery County Family Service Center was able to be there for her. Alicia now attends parenting classes at CSS every week. She and the other mothers have learned vital parenting tips such as proper nutrition, potty training suggestions, healthy communication and so much more. She has also greatly benefited from nursing students who provide classes throughout the year. Alicia finds that there is always something new to learn in these classes and that they are helping her be a better mother.

These classes also benefit Alicia and the other mothers socially, helping them establish a network of friends who are going through some of the same things they are. Moms from different parts of the Archdiocese, even different countries, get to meet each other, exchange encouragement and share their experiences.

On a more urgent level, Catholic Social Services offers a choice model food pantry where Alicia and others can go if they are experiencing, in her words, "a tight week." At Martha's Choice Marketplace, Alicia and her family are able to choose healthy foods they need for their families.

Alicia recently started working on her resume through the sites job readiness program. Her hope is to find better employment opportunities so she can provide for her family.

People, like Alicia, visit CSS sites when they have lost hope and need a helping hand. These vital programs CSS offers would not be possible without your generous donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Think of your donation as the answer to the Prayer of Saint Francis — "Lord, make me a channel of thy peace ... that where there is despair, I may bring hope."

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries are grouped into five key areas:

- EDUCATION
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- EVANGELIZATION, PARISH AND SPIRITUAL LIFE
- CLERGY
- LOCAL MISSION ACTIVITIES

To see a full listing of 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

WAYS to Give

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

- Pledge Gift
- Gifts of Cash
- Matching Gifts
- Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)
- Gifts of Security
- Planned Gifts



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