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## Thank you Southeast Texas!

The Catholic Charities' Board of Directors and staff would like to thank **Anna Maria Brown** and the Southeast Texas community for making A Harvest of Hope for Catholic Charities an enormous success. The evening of fine food, dancing and music truly reflected the joy of giving personified by Mrs. Brown. Early estimates of funds raised indicate that the November 6 event realized over \$90,000 for the programs of Catholic Charities. This wonderful result was made possible through the financial support of our benefactors, patrons, friends, underwriters and sponsors.



At this time we would like to recognize **Entergy Texas** for their support of the social service community of Southeast Texas. As a Grand Benefactor of the Harvest of Hope, Entergy helped make the evening a grand success. Due to a miscommunication their support was not acknowledged

in the evening's program. We do apologize for this omission.

Three additional Grand Benefactors came forward after the printing deadline for the gala program. Our heartfelt appreciation to Grand Benefactors: **Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Oxford III, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Oxford, and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Wortham** for their generosity.

An extraordinary team of volunteers assembled to plan this fabulous evening honoring Mrs. Brown. Publicity Chair **Jackie Simien** lent us her talents to give our event advertising a professional polish. Entertainment Chair **Linda Domino** arranged a variety of sophisticated music. Beautiful decorations designed by **Jean Helms** and **Angie Phares** adorned the room. Eternal thanks to Steering Committee Chair

**Lonnie Arrington** for securing underwriters and promoting table sales. Thank you Lonnie, for making a difficult job look so easy. It was a pleasure working with you.

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make this event the highlight of our year. You are truly our partners in *Providing Help and Creating Hope* in Southeast Texas.



Volunteers join Mrs. Brown to plan A Harvest of Hope Gala, from left Bill Benning (Steering Committee member), Iris Nathan (Menu Consultant), Kevin J. Roy (Board President), Anna Maria Brown (Honoree), Rita Ashley (Reservations Chair) and Ann Rothkamm (Event Chair).

## Happy Anniversary!

As 2005 approaches we would like to give a hearty thank you and congratulations to three valuable staff members who all celebrated their fifth anniversary with Catholic Charities in 2004. Celebrating five years of service are:

Beverly Lauer, CCCS, Client Services Worker I  
Carmen Lopez Spinney, Immigration Services Caseworker  
Dean M. Terrebonne, Executive Director

The experience you bring to your daily work enriches the lives of the people who come to us for help. Thank you for your dedication, caring and compassion. You are wonderful members of our team.

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## News from the Executive Director

*Providing Help. Creating Hope. A Multitude of Thanks!*



**Dean Terrebonne**

grateful. Our prayers were answered!

This year has been both challenging and rewarding. I am sure many of you have experienced a time when you felt as though the weight of the world was on your shoulders and you just did not see the light at the end of the tunnel. Many social service agency providers experience this quite often, but it is the *Hope* that Faith and Prayer brings which enables us to strive for results. In addition, the needs of our clients fuel the dedication of staff and board members to reach out to the community for support in order to continue providing *Help*. The community responded and continues to respond in support of Catholic Charities. For this, we are most

We began raising funds for our building renovation project in March 2003 and thanks to our donors, we have met our goal! On November 18, 2004, we signed a contract with GOSS Building Inc. to renovate our building at 2780 Eastex Freeway, to become the *Central Services Facility* for Catholic Charities. We were very fortunate to secure 68 percent of our renovation project funding through grants and 32 percent from individual and corporate donors. Special thanks go to **Bonnie Loiodice**, Associate Director, for her determination, skill and creativity in preparing the grant applications; the Members; Board of Directors; and Committee Members: **Lisa and Sam Parigi**, and **Frances and Sam Bethea**, for their consultation and assistance throughout this process.



Nov. 18 contract signing, from left, Sina Nejad, Dean Terrebonne & Tony Goss

In addition to raising funds for our building renovation project, we needed to raise funds to continue providing the level of quality program services to our clients. While

we were seeking grants for existing program services, the results were not as favorable as we needed or anticipated. Again, the community responded most favorably by supporting and attending *A Harvest of Hope for Catholic Charities, Honoring Anna Maria Brown*.

Thanks to your generous support and prayers, we are able to continue *Providing Help and Creating Hope*. Remember, in many ways our staff facilitate that "light at the end of the tunnel" for our clients. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. As always, I appreciate your support of our staff and the work they do, for I am very proud of them. May God continue to bless you. Have a Merry Christmas, a Joyous and safe Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year!

*Dean M. Terrebonne, Executive Director*

# Giving thanks for our blessings

“Poverty Never Takes a Holiday” is the theme of Catholic Charities USA’s 2004 holiday messages. No doubt, you will see and hear this phrase over the coming weeks reminding us that this is the season to give thanks and to act to relieve the suffering of the poor. Catholic Charities is very pleased to share with you the following list of community members and organizations who gave \$100 or more this year. Those with an “\*” sustain our organization with their financial support, not only during the Holidays but also throughout the year. Your tri-annual, monthly or quarterly contributions mean everything to people we serve. We thank them for choosing to support Catholic Charities as a way to express their love and concern for the needs of others. Thank you.

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12/23 & 24 Christmas Holiday  
Catholic Charities offices closed

12/31 New Year Holiday  
Catholic Charities offices closed

### **2005**

1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
Catholic Charities offices closed

2/1 Catholic Charities Day in Austin

2/21 President’s Day  
Catholic Charities offices closed

4/2 14th Annual  
Breakfast with the Bishop  
St. Anne Church, Beaumont

