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Come to the 14th Annual Breakfast with the Bishop

Catholic Charities' 14th Annual Breakfast with the Bishop is almost here! Come join friends and neighbors from across the Diocese of Beaumont to enjoy delicious food and to honor this year's Humanitarian Award recipient. Bishop Guillory, clergy, religious and Catholic Charities' staff will put on aprons once again to thank you for supporting the work of Catholic Charities. Event Chair Gay Scott and Co-chair Arie Sherlock accepted the challenge of organizing this annual event. Thank you for your extraordinary efforts!

This year the Humanitarian Award recognizes Ms. Bobby Capps, Director of Friends Helping Friends in Orange County. Under her guidance

this grassroots, community-based organization has grown from a back-to-school parish project to a multi-program, non-profit organization. Friends Helping Friends encourages their clients to be active participants who join in the work of the agency. Thank you, Ms. Capps, your work extends the mission of Catholic Charities.

Make your plans to join the Bishop for breakfast and to recognize the work of Ms. Capps. For tickets and information, call (409) 835-7118, ext. 10.

April 2, 2005, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
St. Anne Church Parish Hall, Beaumont
Tickets: \$20.00 Donation

CCCS Awarded 2004 Contractor of the Year!

Catholic Charities is very proud to announce that the Southeast Texas Workforce Development Board selected Child Care Contractor Services (CCCS) as "2004 Contractor of the Year." This award recognizes CCCS's outstanding performance in fulfilling their goal to provide the highest quality service to low-income families in Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties. CCCS administers daycare subsidy to low-income families who are working, participating in job training or attending school. In addition, CCCS works with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, to help improve the lives of abused children. Catholic Charities has been involved in administering childcare subsidy since 1991.

This achievement is the result of the hard work and dedication of the CCCS staff. Under the leadership of Tammy Conger, CCCS Program Director, the CCCS team meets their daily challenges with confidence and professionalism. Thank you for all that you do for families in Southeast Texas. Congratulations to each of you!



From left, front: Katie Gerdin, Angela French. Row 2: Beverly Lauer, Helen Ronderos, Tammy Conger, Madeline Davalos, Angela Levine, Quy Nghi Truong. Row 3: Angela Senegal, Stephanie Carter, Sherri Skiles, Wanda Sanchez, Suzanne Mazzola, Dolores Pollard. Top Row: Judy Farrar, Ann Stiebig, Lourdes Davalos.

News from the Executive Director

Providing Help. Creating Hope.

Reality Check Hits Home!



Dean Terrebonne

As Catholic Charities' staff continues working diligently to provide services through our six programs, I devote a portion of my time to learn about trends in social services throughout the community and the economic impact that affects both clients and agencies. There is a common thread that intertwines our collaboration with other agencies in providing services to our community. The outcome of this legislative budget process could result in drastic changes for many non-profits. This is worth sharing with you, for you are partners in the process as supporters of Catholic Charities and the many agencies that work together for the "Common Good." As government budgets reduce or cut funding for social services, the Needs are neither reduced nor eliminated. Unfortunately, the Churches and faith-based organizations will be expected to address these needs. Where will the funding come from, you may ask? Well, I think some people believe it will come from you, the members of the community.

I know you have been extremely supportive of Catholic Charities in the past. Your generous response to our building renovation project was touching, and that gives us confidence as we face a future where resources dwindle and the needs of the poor increase. The Central Services Facility will enable us to be in a better position to adapt to the changing needs of our area. As our partners in *Providing Help & Creating Hope*, please continue keeping us in your prayers; pray that our elected officials remember the poor and vulnerable as they discern the best use of our tax dollars; be a VOICE for JUSTICE; and continue your support of local organizations that work together to serve our community.

Remember, your volunteer hours, your in-kind donations and your prayers are just as important to us as your financial contributions.

Dean M. Terrebonne, Executive Director

Sneak-A-Peek: Building Project Update

Interior demolition and renovation of the Central Services Facility, 2780 Eastex Frwy, began on November 30, 2004. Since then, various trades have been busily working inside and out, and the offices are now being painted a bright and cheery color (inspired by a homeless person). The new roof will soon be complemented with an historic golden wall color, trimmed in cream and black. The photo provides a sneak peek into the Conference Room, which brings back some bits of the past. We look forward to moving in this summer and then sharing the news of our Open House after we are settled. Thank you for sharing in our excitement!



Seniors anticipate 13th Annual 3rd Age Day Celebration

The Office of Parish Social Ministry and the Third Age Task Force are busy with final preparations for this year's gathering of seniors from throughout the Diocese. Bishop Guillory will join the group at St. Mary Church in Fannett for this immensely successful event. The Third Age Task Force has planned a wonderful



program of prayer, fellowship, food, entertainment and, of course, door prizes!

Last year, St. Henry Church, Bridge City, hosted over 350 seniors. This year, registration is limited to 350 people. Registration/payments will be accepted until April 5. Make your check for \$8 payable to Catholic Charities 3rd Age Day

and mail to St. James Church, c/o Christina Vara, 3617 Gulfway Drive, Port Arthur, Texas 77642. For more information, call Christina Vara (982-4842) or Paul Thomas (409-835-7118 ext 15.)

3rd Age Day
Tuesday, April 19, 2005
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
St. Mary Church, Fannett, Texas

Board News

The Board of Directors of Catholic Charities is pleased to welcome two new additions to the board. This year Dr. Mark Kubala and Camille Mouton accepted the responsibility to help guide the organization.

Camille Mouton brings the Board her experiences as Vice President of Advancement at Lamar University. Ms. Mouton's skills with marketing and public relations will support Catholic Charities' tradition of reaching out to the community to help those in need. Her talents with development and fundraising will add a new perspective to our agency.

Neurosurgeon Mark Kubala is widely known throughout the community for his dedication to career and community. Rec-



Camille Mouton & Dr. Mark Kubala

ognized as a leader in his profession, Dr. Kubala's advice will be invaluable as Catholic Charities plans and evaluates programs and service delivery systems.

Welcoming new members

is exciting but February also can be a time of farewell to a valued Board Member. This year Linda Domino completed a 3-year term of service. Linda tirelessly shared her talents with Catholic Charities in the Board Room and on committees. Linda co-chaired Catholic Charities' first ever gala-style event, Bishop's 60th Birthday Celebration. Her experience coordinating activities and attention to detail made fundraising events a truly pleasurable experience for the supporters of Catholic Charities.

Thank you all for *Providing Help* and *Creating Hope* in our community.



Dean M. Terrebonne, Linda Domino & Kevin J. Roy

We accept in-kind donations too!

If you have visited our facility on North Street, you know that Catholic Charities has struggled for years to find storage space for your wonderful donations. The move to the Eastex Freeway building this summer will solve that problem. The additional storage space will allow Catholic Charities to accept donations which require some storage before use (cartons of paper towels, boxes of copy paper, etc.) Catholic Charities appreciates your in-kind donations, which benefit the clients we serve. Thank you for your patience and your generosity. We look forward to giving you a tour of our new home this summer!

Gift Certificates

Market Basket, Wal-Mart, Sam's, Manning's, Michael's or others

Office Supplies

Blank audio & video cassettes, pens, notepads, copy paper, file folders, address labels, floppy disks

Electronics

Paper shredder, Portable Printer, Portable CD Player, Portable Sound System for Presentations

Paper Products & Janitorial

Facial tissue, foam plates, dinner napkins, plastic cups, paper towels, window cleaner.

Toys & Art Supplies (Elijah's Place)

Art project kits, art paper, toy cars, trains, action figures, dress-up clothes, washable markers, wooden sand trays

Sponsor

Printing & Postage of newsletter
Office janitorial services
Internet fees, Lawn maintenance

Food and Miscellaneous

(Hospitality Center)

Large canned foods, rice, beans, potatoes, meats, large jars seasonings, Generator, 33-gallon garbage bags, laundry detergent, personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, facial tissue, deodorant, lotion, combs, brushes, shaving cream, etc.)

Items on this Wish List were requested by *Elijah's Place*, Counseling Services, Parish Social Ministry, Immigration Services, & the Hospitality Center.

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Providing Help Creating Hope



Volunteer

Receptionists needed
Daily and weekly schedules
available.
1410 North Street, Beaumont
call (409) 835-7118, ext. 10



Volunteer Cooks Needed


Weekly and monthly schedules
available.
Hospitality Center
3959 Gulfway Drive
Port Arthur
call (409) 982-4842

Mark Your Calendar!

March

- 18 Immigration Outreach
St. Martin de Porres, Corrigan
- 25 Good Friday
Catholic Charities offices
closed
- 28 Easter Monday
Catholic Charities offices
closed

April

- 2 Breakfast with the Bishop 
- 3-9 Week of the Young Child
- 5 Last Day to Buy Tickets
3rd Age Day Celebration

April (continued)

- 15 Immigration Outreach
St. Michael, Jasper
- 19 3rd Age Day Celebration
St. Mary Church, Fannett

May

- 13 Immigration Outreach
Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Port Arthur

- 20 Immigration Outreach
St. Louis, Winnie

June

- 11 Hospitality Center
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner