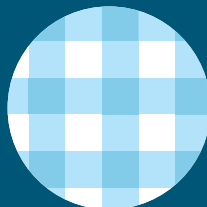
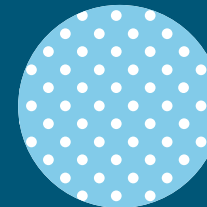
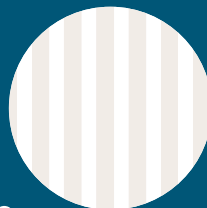
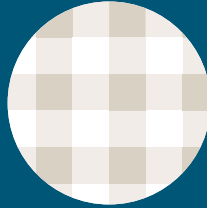
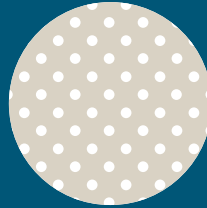


CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES



Become a **Herald of Hope**

Be The Good Samaritan

Looking at everyone as brothers and sisters, we are called to the example provided us in Luke 10, to be heralds of hope: *The Good Samaritan*. This calling to be neighbors requires co-responsibility in caring for people experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, disability, and mental health challenges.

We see first-hand how the promise of a daily meal can be truly life-changing, or when a family no longer has to worry about a paycheck, their health, and the basic needs of their children, they become able to achieve their God-given potential.

Or when a senior or veteran is helped with the challenges common to their season of life such as connecting them to resources, navigating new and rapidly changing technology, avoiding and overcoming senior abuse and senior-targeted scams, as well as the realities of a fixed income and the health risks of loneliness.



"Love, for St. Francis, was based on our common humanity: he was convinced, like the Good Samaritan, that we are called to be a neighbor to each person in the human family."

- Address from His Eminence Cardinal Christophe Pierre at the 2024 Breakfast with the Bishop - Luke 10:27



Serving as Neighbors Changes Their Path.



The Need:

Imagine having to choose between paying rent and feeding your family. This is the reality for many of our neighbors. With increasing prices of basic goods, families just can't keep up.

Poverty is complicated. The solution requires all of us.

THE ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITY



In Franklin County, 15% of the population – almost 200,000 people - live in poverty.



1 in 7 children in the Diocese of Columbus are hungry.



1 in 4 Seniors are isolated and have a 50% increased risk of dementia.

900



in the state of Ohio, 900 babies do not make it to their first birthday

(Infant mortality represents a long-standing concern of public health including things like poverty, race, access to care, and education.)

Our Response:

Healthy Families:

We started a new program called Little Blessings to serve families with children aged 0-5 years old, providing them with the basic needs of food, diapers, car seats, and hygiene supplies, as well as offering educational parenting classes (safe sleep, child-proofing the home, etc.) and peer resource groups. Additionally, we provide case management for mental health care and other family needs.

Seniors Serving Seniors:

By pairing an able senior with an isolated senior, we coordinate visits and companionship. Through monthly training the companion is equipped to provide trips to the grocery store or for a haircut, and can identify health decline, suspicions of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation. We are expanding the program to Licking County, in addition to our current services in Franklin and Delaware Counties.

Expanding The Our Lady of Guadalupe Community Center:

To meet the growing needs in our community we are expanding our reach and facility in the coming year. We will be able to offer all of our services in the new community center while also cultivating resources and partnerships to serve a broader region.

Not everyone operates at the same level of opportunity. Some people face the effects of addiction, mental health, unemployment, or lack of education and we are all called by Christ to be the Good Samaritan for our neighbors in need.

Make a Donation Today



We also accept donations of IRA distributions, gifts of stock, automobiles, donor advised funds and more.

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Since 1945, Catholic Social Services has been a source of compassion, dignity, and hope for those Christ calls us to serve throughout our community. Serving over 10,000 individuals annually, our mission is supported by dedicated volunteers who help seniors find connection, guide families towards a brighter future, and assist young adults in transitioning to the workforce. Rooted in the belief that every person reflects the image of God, we journey together as neighbors, empowering individuals to shape their own futures with our unwavering support.