



Your Support Saves Lives

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Providing Help. Creating Hope.

Dear Neighbors,

As the days begin to draw shorter, it is hard to believe that another summer has passed.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York's dedicated staff have not rested these past summer months. Instead, we have doubled our efforts to carry out our mission of providing help and creating hope.

All the while, we have remained focused on one of our core values: Love your neighbor as yourself.

This is at the heart of our mission to uphold the human dignity of each person as made in the image of God. It has sustained our work for more than 100 years — providing food to the poor, sheltering the homeless, assisting the disabled, supporting families in crisis, nurturing children, and welcoming the stranger.

With your critical support, Catholic Charities has also risen to meet new challenges — such as assisting families in crisis from the southern U.S. border.

More than 100,000 migrants have traveled to New York City over the past year — often making dangerous journeys to find a better life for their families.

I want to share one mother's story.

Ana is a mother of two from a small community in Venezuela. She and her children were forced to flee their country not only due to lack of necessities like food, water, electricity, and healthcare, but also to escape the dangerous village plagued by violence.

Ana's journey to New York was harrowing. She was kidnapped and robbed, traversed the jungle for more than 40 days and nights — and her youngest daughter was even nearly swept away while crossing a strong river. In God's loving protection, Ana persevered with the hope of a better life for herself and her young children.

In partnership with the city and other organizations, Catholic Charities has been on the frontlines to support mothers like Ana.

"The moment that asylum seekers began to arrive, I knew that Catholic Charities was going to be a strong partner in all this work," said Commissioner Manuel Castro of the Mayor's Office of Immigration Affairs. "We have now together served over 27,000 asylum seekers with a variety of services. That's a huge accomplishment. Thank you, Catholic Charities."



We asked Ana if she thinks her journey was worth it. "For my girls, yes, it was — 100%. They are so happy to go to school, to have new friends, to have electricity, water, and food," Ana said.

Whether asylum seekers from impoverished Venezuela or refugees from war-torn Ukraine, Catholic Charities welcomes the stranger in the example of Jesus: I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35).

Thank you for your compassion and generosity, and please remember that you are always in our prayers.

In gratitude,

Monsignor Kevin Sullivan
Executive Director



Your Generosity in Action

With your critical support, Catholic Charities is leading the effort to resettle refugees displaced by the wars in Afghanistan and Ukraine and to assist families in crisis arriving at the southern U.S. border. Each year, we provide thousands of refugees and immigrants with legal and other support services.

Your love and generosity made a lifesaving impact in 2022.

Because of you:



4,874

petitions filed
to reunite families.



4,553

unaccompanied minors
provided support.



18,194

immigrants and refugees
provided legal and other
support services.



4,187

individuals
provided legal services.



3,374

students enrolled
in English language
and civics classes.

'You Are Saving Our Lives' — Day Laborers Center Opens in Yonkers

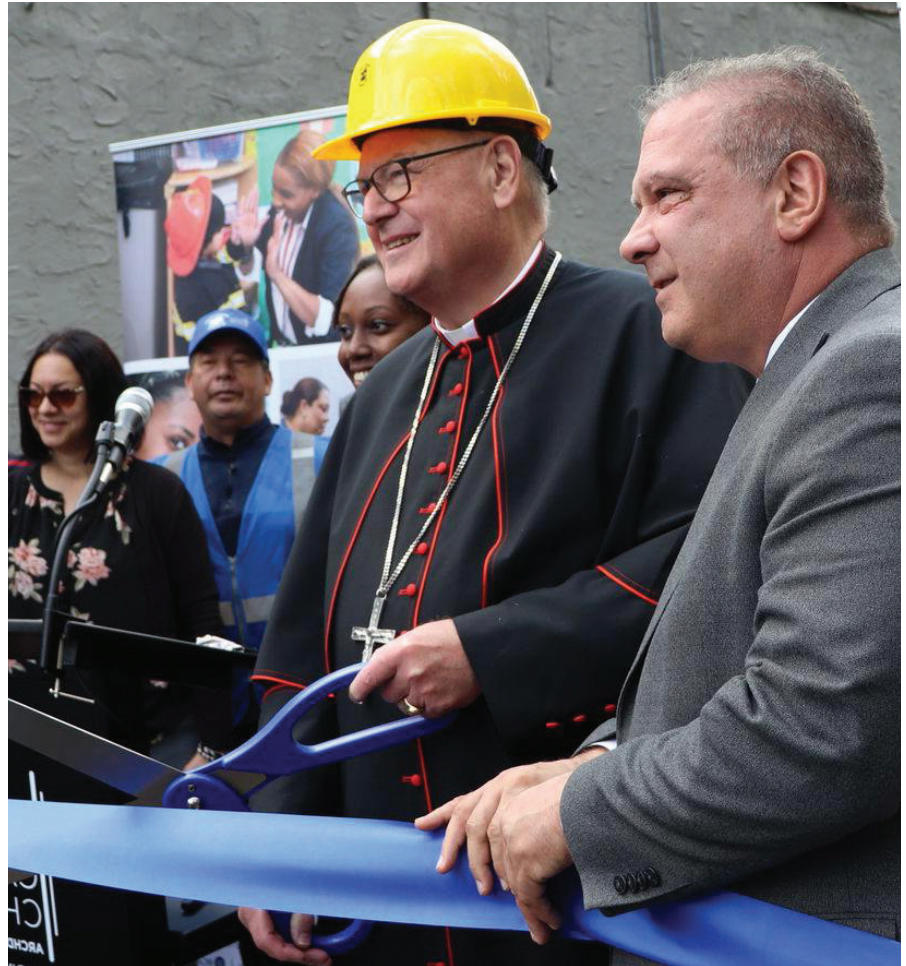
Catholic Charities of New York celebrated the ribbon cutting of our new Day Laborers Center in Yonkers this past summer. Obreros Unidos (Workers United) Day Laborers Center connects businesses, contractors, and homeowners with skilled day laborers for a variety of services, ensuring fair wages and good working conditions.

The new resource center is an investment into the community — supporting immigrants working as day laborers to become part of New York's formal economy.

Workers can receive educational training, legal counsel, OSHA-certified construction safety and skills, high-level training for electricity and scaffolding, and much more at the new resource center. "We have enrichment classes from English classes to guitar classes, nanny training, nail care, we also have English conversation partnerships," said Lucia Goyen, Director of Day Laborer Programs for Catholic Charities of New York.

The center also educates workers on how to prevent wage theft from employers who pay workers less than they were promised. It is a social watchdog and advocate within the community for day laborers. The center has helped recover more than \$60,000 in stolen wages.

Mayor Mike Spano of Yonkers — pictured above with Cardinal



ceremony — noted that immigrants in Yonkers, through Catholic Charities, will "have someone who will stick up for you."

"Obreros Unidos is standing up for us," said Jose Antonio Galdamaz, a day laborer. "You are saving our lives," he said, recognizing Catholic Charities for providing lifesaving OSHA training for construction workers and other day laborers.

Catholic Charities has a long legacy of helping New York's immigrant population find work and join their local communities. We launched

the Bronx Day Laborer program in 2016, providing Site Safety training required for construction job sites in New York City. Catholic Charities operates two day laborer regional programs in the Bronx and in Yonkers.

Through the new center, Catholic Charities is further investing in the immigrant community.

"We need to listen to the community," said Janet Hernandez, Westchester Coordinator for Catholic Charities. "We need to invest in the community."

Celebrating a Legacy of Generosity: The Charles Lawrence Keith and Clara Miller Foundation

The Charles Lawrence Keith and Clara Miller Foundation has created a \$500,000 Fund to support our Feeding Our Neighbors program.

With rising food prices and inflation, visits to food pantries in New York City have risen by 20% in the past six months. Across New York, food pantries are struggling to keep pace, leaving the city's most vulnerable at risk. Despite this great need, the reason for hope is even greater.

"We are delighted and deeply grateful to receive an extraordinary gift from the Charles Lawrence Keith and Clara Miller Foundation to support our Feeding Our Neighbors program," said Monsignor Kevin Sullivan.

"This investment could not have come at a more critical time. Through the leadership generosity of the Foundation, Catholic Charities can continue to meet the expanding needs of vulnerable people here in New York," said Monsignor Sullivan.

Charlie, as he was universally known, established the Foundation shortly before he died in 1974. His generosity was born from a lifelong pursuit of social activism.

Charlie fought against tyranny, ignorance, poverty, and oppression, and for democracy whenever he found it.

As a young man, he joined The Abraham Lincoln Brigade and fought against fascism. He also fought against anti-democratic unionists on the docks of New York. After he was badly beaten by thugs, Charlie became a house painter in the Village, and slowly saved enough money to purchase a run-down building. He renovated it, rented it, and began to buy other rental properties throughout the city.

Charlie believed in and financially supported education because "a good education expands the horizons of the individual and the community," he said.

In addition, Charlie was one of the first investors in the Women's Bank of New York. He also personally financed a neighborhood theater and was known for his generosity to countless actors, artists, and social activists he encountered.

"The Directors of the Charles Lawrence Keith and Clara Miller Foundation have been privileged to carry on Charlie Keith's name



through his dedication to the causes of peace, justice, and human rights," said Brian O'Dwyer, President at the Foundation.

Almost 50 years after his death, most of the recipient organizations and the people whose lives were touched by his generosity have little knowledge of Charlie Keith.

We feel deeply privileged to have the opportunity to honor his memory and share his inspiring story of generosity to our fellow New Yorkers in need through our Feeding Our Neighbors program.

Charlie Keith's extraordinary legacy of generosity and compassion will continue to change lives, for generations to come. Thank you, Charlie! Your memory is a blessing to all of us.

"Establishing the Charles Lawrence Keith and Clara Miller Foundation Fund to support the critically important work of Catholic Charities and the Feeding Our Neighbors program honors Charlie's memory and commitment to serving his beloved fellow New Yorkers in need and celebrates his extraordinary legacy of generosity."

— Brian O'Dwyer, President, The Charles Lawrence Keith and Clara Miller Foundation



Summer Youth Employment Program

The Summer Youth Employment Program provides valuable work experience to thousands of low-income teens and young adults across the city.

This summer marked the 10th anniversary of the partnership between the city, Catholic Charities Community Services, and Alianza Dominicana Cultural Center — a division of Catholic Charities Community Services.

The goal of the Summer Youth Employment Program is to fill critical job openings in communities while helping teens find careers they enjoy. The program employs young adults between the ages of 14 to 24.

This summer, 229 organizations were hiring, including Columbia University Medical Center and other city hospitals — a valuable

training ground for young people considering healthcare careers. Employers also included State Farm, retailers like Staples, and offices of city council members.

Participants explored different interests and career pathways, developed productive workplace habits, and engaged in learning experiences that strengthened their social, civic, and leadership skills. They also received a valuable paycheck — up to \$2,000 for older workers in the program. The paycheck was a lifeline for lower income families and for participants with college expenses.

Jailin Rodriguez, 15, said that she is learning about the need to help her community.

"Homeless people need shelter. There are people who lack education. There is a lack of food.

We are learning about how we can help our communities," Ms. Rodriguez said.

There are many problems in Jailin's community, and she wants to help solve them. She is absorbing lessons about advocacy and how to participate in discussions on important issues. Her goal is to become a lawyer one day.

Providing young people with opportunities to further their education and career prospects is crucial to strengthening our communities.

This summer, Catholic Charities enrolled 1,857 participants in the Summer Youth Employment Program — providing a life-changing experience for many young adults.

Save the Date: Charity and Justice

The **Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice** is an initiative of Catholic Charities of New York to raise funds and awareness to support Catholic Charities Social Service Initiatives & Projects.

This annual collection will be held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving — on **World Day of the Poor on Sunday, November 19th**, at all the Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York. Thank you for your generosity!

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN FOR
Charity + Justice

PARISH COLLECTION — SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
"To Provide Help and Hope for Vulnerable Families in Crisis"

Hearst Foundations: Remembering George Irish

For over 80 years, the Hearst Foundations have funded outstanding nonprofits to ensure that people of all backgrounds in the United States can build healthy, productive and satisfying lives. The Foundations' focus is to help those in need, those underserved and those underrepresented in society.

The Hearst Foundations fund direct-service organizations that tackle the roots of chronic poverty by applying effective solutions to the most challenging social and economic problems.

For decades, Hearst Foundations has partnered with Catholic Charities of New York to create transformative hope for New Yorkers in need. Hearst Foundations directly supports our Feeding Our Neighbors and Eviction Prevention programs.

To respond to New York's food crisis, the Hearst Foundations funding allowed for the food purchase to supply six of our pantries in the Lower Hudson Valley, where funding is particularly scarce. These Hearst-supported pantries served over 1.3 million meals to over 146,000 households last year alone.

Many families come to Catholic Charities with hefty arrears that require financial assistance. In order to help keep families in their homes, the Hearst Foundations funding helps to fill the gap to assist those families in paying their back-due rent or utility bills, by



which they can continue to live in their homes. This past year, 20 families benefited from the Hearst Foundations funding — providing nearly \$4,000 per family with direct assistance.

A year after his passing in September 2022, Catholic Charities of New York remembers the life and legacy of George Irish, vice president and Eastern director of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation of California and the Hearst Foundation, Inc. of New York.

Mr. Irish epitomized a life well-lived, through his many professional achievements, his devotion to service, faith and family, and his leadership at the Hearst Foundations and the Hearst Corporation. We miss him greatly — and are honored and grateful to see his legacy live on through the work of Catholic Charities of New York.

"George made the world a better place in business, in philanthropy

and as a friend," said Virginia Hearst Randt, president of the Hearst Foundation.

George was a treasured member of our Catholic Charities of New York community. His generosity and leadership helped thousands of New Yorkers receive critical care. Mr. Irish continues to inspire our work today through our Feeding Our Neighbors and Eviction Prevention programs. He led by example — through living his faith in his actions and service.

"We will be judged by the Almighty," George wrote, "based on how we used our minds, our assets and our graces."



Leave a Legacy of Help and Hope

Your legacy commitment helps us to continue our lifesaving work and carry out our mission of providing help and creating hope.

A planned gift is a wonderful way to support Catholic Charities while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate-planning, and philanthropic goals. With smart planning, you may actually increase the size of your estate and/or reduce the tax burden on your heirs.

For more information, please visit: CatholicCharitiesNY.GiftPlans.org

More Ways to Support Our Mission

Give

Your tax-deductible gift will enable us to continue to deliver programs and critical services to New Yorkers in need. Visit: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/Donate

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable annuity is a simple agreement between you and Catholic Charities. In exchange for your gift of cash, stock, or mutual funds, Catholic Charities will pay you (and, if desired, another beneficiary) a fixed income for life. After your lifetime(s), proceeds remaining from your gift support our lifesaving work. For more information, please visit:

CatholicCharitiesNY.org/CGA

Donor Advised Funds

A donor-advised fund (DAF) is a philanthropic giving vehicle like a charitable savings account. It provides an immediate tax benefit to you and allows you to easily support Catholic Charities. You can make a grant to Catholic Charities through our DAF Direct portal by visiting: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/DAF

Estate Planning with FreeWill and My Catholic Will

Having an estate plan in place is a powerful way to protect the people you love, safeguard your assets, and create a legacy that sustains the causes you believe in. Visit: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/FreeWill or CatholicCharitiesNY.org/MyCatholicWill



Gifts of Stocks and Securities

You can easily donate appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds and support the lifesaving work of Catholic Charities. The total value of the stock upon transfer is tax-deductible and there is no obligation to pay any capital gains taxes on the appreciation. To learn more, visit: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/Securities

IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you're 70½ or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 per tax year directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to Catholic Charities without reporting the withdrawal as taxable income. To calculate your required minimum distribution (RMD) and make a tax-free gift to Catholic Charities, please visit: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/IRA

Other Ways to Give

From rewards programs to donating real estate and vehicles, discover the many ways you can support our lifesaving work: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/WaysToGive

Questions?

If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Chau in our Planned Giving Office at Emily.Chau@CatholicCharitiesNY.org or **646-794-2018**.

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