



Partners Update | February 2026



The 18th Annual Gibsons Catholic Charities Luncheon brought together more than 300 seniors and veterans from our 19 senior housing communities for a decadent steakhouse lunch at Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse in Oak Brook on Jan. 25, 2026. We thank the Gibsons team and their volunteers for their profound generosity. View the story [here](#).

Dear Friends,

Shawn's reflection this month (*below*) calls us to attention with striking clarity: Community. Stepping up for others. Making space at the table. "Otherwise, it's just the loneliness," he says. And as Dorothy Day reminds us, "the only solution [to loneliness] is love — and that love comes with community." Thank you for being our partner in pushing back against loneliness. The only way we can build a community of love in action is together.

With gratitude,

John DeCostanza

Vice President, Faith & Mission

Partners in Giving



What does a simple act of hope look like?

For Shawn, it was when a neighbor invited him to Catholic Charities' community meal. Now, he goes every week and says, "It's important to be around people, otherwise it's just the loneliness."

Your gift goes directly to helping people in need connect to food, housing, and other immediate



needs resources during the coldest months of the year. Donate [here](#).

A toast to hope: Supporters gather for a D'Vine Affair



Thank you for joining us Feb. 1 at the D'Vine Affair. More than 190 guests enjoyed tastings from 200 wines and helped us raise \$100,000 to support the programs of Catholic Charities. View photos from the event [here](#).

Parishes and volunteers step up for families

This holiday season, our community stepped up for neighbors in need. In partnership with parishes across the Archdiocese, the Harvest of Hope food drive delivered 300,000 pounds of food to 33 food pantries serving 18,500+ households. Also, in this 76th year of the Celebration of Giving holiday gift program, 900 volunteers contributed 5,600 hours of their time and provided 12,500 people with gifts of toys, clothing, and household items before Christmas. Thank you to all of you for helping make these programs a success — we cannot do the work we do without you!



Partners in Prayer



Walking with one another in prayer

Catholic Charities has many faithful partners deeply



Catholic Charities has many faithful partners deeply committed to accompanying you in prayer. Please send us your intentions. They will be written in the book of intentions in the St. Louise de Marillac Chapel and included in Masses and other services. All Mass requests, or if you know of someone in the Catholic Charities family who is sick, has died, or for any reason needs our prayers, please email your requests to prayer@catholiccharities.net. Please pray for the following members of our Catholic Charities community: Elizabeth McLean, Rosemary McElroy, Allen Hawkins, Dolores Janda, John Trefny, Eugenia Jadran, Kathleen Egloff, Rosemary Digan, Peggy Figliulo, Patricia Clickener, Dave Cohen, Mary Feeley, Jerry and Samuel Maglulio.

Partners in Mission

Serving side by side: YOU put love into action



Students from Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph School in Chicago packed more than 200 lunches for our Loaves and Fishes program to feed the hungry at our doors.



St. Ignatius Capstone students served in the clothing room at 721 N. LaSalle St., the Curbside Pantry stocking at St. Casimir, and the food pantry at Casa Catalina.



Volunteers at Mather Place, a retirement community in Wilmette, prepared dozens of sandwiches for our Loaves and Fishes program.



The law team at Delgado Rompf Bruen LLC prepared over 150 sandwiches for our Loaves and Fishes program.

Are you Interested in volunteering? Visit ccofchicagovolunteer.com.

Stay connected: Gather and grow with us

First Look for Charity

Friday, February 6, 2026, 7 p.m.

McCormick Place

Be the first to see Chicago's 2026 Auto Show by attending First Look for Charity, a black-tie event featuring cars, cocktails, and delicacies from some of Chicago's finest restaurants — benefiting Catholic Charities and 17 other nonprofit agencies.



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Virtual Investor Update

Thursday, March 5, 2026, 4 p.m.

Sally Blount, CEO, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will provide a year-in-review of our services, programs, impact on the people we serve, and financials for investors.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Blossoms of Hope Brunch

Sunday, April 26, 2026, 11 a.m.

Westin Chicago Lombard

Please join us for the Blossoms of Hope Brunch, benefiting the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program.



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NEW DATE FOR 2026!

Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball 2026

Friday, December 11, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Hilton Chicago

Please mark your calendars for the second Friday in December for the annual celebration of the Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball!

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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago partners with mission-driven people and organizations across Cook and Lake counties to witness a message of mercy and hope to a world in need. We are called to accompany anyone in need, regardless of faith, gender, race, or ethnicity.

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