



## Partners Update | March 2026

Father Charles T. Rubey has spent his career fighting the stigma surrounding suicide with courageous compassion, faith-filled hope, and joy. In the process, he has welcomed, supported, witnessed, and healed thousands of survivors of suicide loss through his founding of Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. [Read more](#) about his journey and how he will celebrate 60 years as a priest at the [Blossoms of Hope fundraising brunch](#).

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Dear Friends,

For nearly fifty years, Fr. Charlie Rubey has known that the places of deepest pain can become spaces where our neighbors are “engulfed by God,” held in mercy rather than despair. His witness reflects the same hope we see across our work at Catholic Charities. The Hub welcomes neighbors in crisis, and our volunteers demonstrate that fellowship and food ease loneliness. Compassion, grace, and awe – these virtues make all the difference when someone is at their most vulnerable. We see it every day.

With gratitude,

*John DeCostanza*

Vice President, Faith & Mission

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## Partners in Giving

## Join Us for a Conversation with CEO Sally Blount





Learn how Catholic Charities answered the call to serve in 2025, what our strategic priorities are in 2026, and how support from our partners enables us to better serve vulnerable people across Cook and Lake counties. [Register here](#) for the virtual conversation.

### The Hub Opens Its Arms to Those in Need

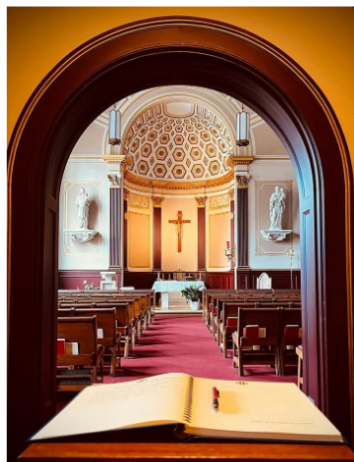
The Charities Resource Hub of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago serves as a front door for anyone coming to us for help. Ashley Styx, Senior Director, (right) and her team distribute direct financial assistance to those who are eligible. Learn more about the Hub and how you can give hope to those in need [here](#).



### 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 like Shawn connect to food, housing, and other immediate needs resources during the coldest months of the year.

## Partners in Prayer



### Walking with One Another in Prayer

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](mailto:prayer@catholiccharities.net). Please pray for the following members of our Catholic Charities community: Patricia Lopez, Virginia Catezone, Mitchell Babiarz, Elizabeth Tuohy, Barbara Martinez, Michael Kilcran, Dennis Bednarz, Rita Ann Sisko, Marianne Zelewsky, Daniel Kory, Thomas Butler, Lola Sullivan, Joan Cholewa, Richard Felt, William Hannon, and Frances Dabney.

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## Partners in Mission

# Living God's Wishes for Service to Others



Bob Schuck, along with his wife, Jo, and friend Denise Meyer, have made a difference in the lives of guests at The Shared Table community meal at the Schreiber Center in Round Lake and discovered how service fills their souls. Read more [here](#).



Two corporate volunteer groups joined us in recent weeks to make sandwiches in our Loaves and Fishes program. The Keystone Group (left) and staff from The Ritz-Carlton added a little spice and made sandwiches for walk-in guests at 721 N. LaSalle St.

Are you Interested in volunteering? Visit [ccofchicagovolunteer.com](https://ccofchicagovolunteer.com).

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## Stay Connected: Gather and Grow with Us

### 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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**Mass & Mission**

**Sunday, May 3, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**

*St. Christina Parish, Chicago*

Celebrate Mass, then meet our program leaders to learn more about the impact of our work.



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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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