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**Because of you, the amazing
mothers we serve know
they are not alone.**



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Karen Moore, Director of our Pregnancy and Parenting program, shares what makes the mothers we serve so amazing.

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Dear Friends,

As we celebrate mothers in May, we are sharing our message of mercy and hope for the mothers and families we serve at parishes throughout Cook and Lake counties.

Providing Rapid Rehousing and Family Self-Sufficiency services to Lake County single mothers like Sienna, to our doulas and home visiting staff who work with Karen Moore in our Pregnancy and Parenting Program, we empower mothers to be the best they can be.

Help us accompany mothers in need, as well as those strengthened by our Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide program, to move forward with hope.

With gratitude,

John DeCostanza
Vice President, Faith & Mission

Partners in Giving

Thank You for Supporting Survivors of Suicide



More than 500 people gathered at the annual Blossoms of Hope Brunch Sunday, April 26, to honor their lost loved ones and celebrate the support and connections they have made through our Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program. Founder Father Charles T. Rubey was honored, celebrating 60 years as a priest, and the event raised \$196,000 for counseling and therapy services.

EVENT PHOTOS



Hope Starts Here for Mothers

Make your gift to our Mother's Day Appeal to give hope to over 60,000 mothers and families we serve across Cook and Lake Counties. With every dollar (up to \$100,000) matched through May 10, you help support the moms and families we serve and assure them they are not alone.

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Check Out the May/June Keenager News

This issue profiles a single mom from Waukegan who thanks Catholic

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Waukegan who thanks Catholic Charities and donors like you for supporting her with Rapid Re-housing after an apartment fire. She is also participating in our Family Self-Sufficiency Program which has helped her find permanent housing, employment, and essentials to support her young son. You'll also read about how we're lifting up mothers, how the proposed FY27 state budget will impact Catholic Charities, and all about our senior care services.

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A PUBLICATION OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Single mom finds strength to move forward with Catholic Charities by her side

Born and raised in Waukegan, Sienna is one of eight children. The family struggled financially but eventually, Sienna was able to move out of her family home into her very own apartment. Soon after, while she was at the laundromat, an electrical fire destroyed her home. She lost everything. Sienna found herself homeless and turned to Catholic Charities for help.

Catholic Charities provides Rapid Re-housing in crisis situations to women, men, and single parents who are homeless and offers a five-year, Family Self-Sufficiency Program that empowers the current 50 participants to find stable housing and employment to become financially independent. Sienna has participated in both of these programs and found great success.

"I remember being a recipient of Catholic Charities when I was younger," Sienna said, "but I did not know they had a Rapid Re-housing program." Case workers found her temporary housing as her apartment was rehabbed.



Photo by Kathleen Henes
Sienna reminds her son to never give up, and she's an inspiration to those who are struggling to overcome tragedy.

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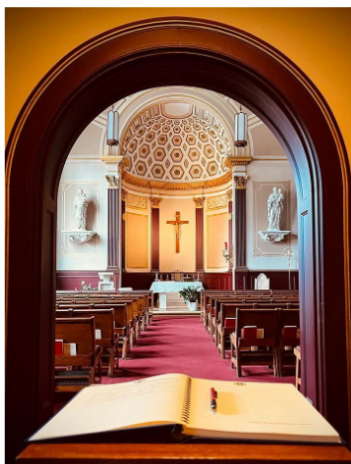


Witnessing Hope in Lake County

Discover the power of our volunteers and how they are shaping the lives of the people we serve in the Spring issue of Spirit. Learn how we're activating the largest network of food pantries in the region, equipping mothers to help their children thrive, and distributing more than half a million diapers this year through our Diaper Depot.

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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. Please pray for the following members of our Catholic Charities community: Joan Giardina, Kathleen Henes, Barbara Prendergast, Anthony Murray, Jr., Jim Walker, Ed Mueller, Marleine Golden, and Janie Yarbrough.

Partners in Mission

Volunteers Feed Our Hungry Neighbors in Need



ComEd employees (from left), students from DePaul College Prep, and the IMA Financial Group gathered to make hundreds of sandwiches for the hungry who visit our doors.

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Stay Connected: Gather and Grow with Us

Mass & Mission

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 10 a.m.

Divine Mercy Parish, Sacred Heart Church, Winnetka
Join us in Winnetka next month to celebrate Mass and learn more about Catholic Charities.



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Charities Golf Classic

Monday, July 13, 2026, 10 a.m.

Knollwood Club, Lake Forest
Shoreacres, Lake Bluff

Join us for a beautiful day on the course benefiting hundreds of thousands of neighbors each year.



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Glow of Hope Gala

Sunday, November 1, 2026, Noon

Four Seasons Chicago

Save the date for the 119th annual Glow of Hope Gala supporting the House of the Good Shepherd.



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Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball 2026

Friday, December 11, 2026

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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