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Phoenix, AZ 85015

August 2023

Happy 90th Year of Service Catholic Charities!

Dear Pastors and Parish Administrators,

This September, Catholic Charities Community Services (CCCS) – the charitable service arm of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix founded in 1933 – is **celebrating its 90th year of service!**

Catholic Charities continues to walk alongside and affirms the dignity of the most vulnerable individuals and families throughout the Diocese of Phoenix, in Central and Northern AZ. We assist those marginalized by society with solutions that permanently improve lives. As we give thanks for the graces bestowed upon us to serve, we want to welcome you and your parish community to join us in celebrating these **90 years of service during September – Catholic Charities Awareness month – and beyond.**

We have an **endorsement letter from Bishop John Dolan**, encouraging you and your parish to join us in celebration of our shared missions. Catholic Charities desires to walk alongside you, too, as you nurture those in your parish and community who can benefit from our services. **Together** we can bring hope to those who have been marginalized!

Please join us by spreading awareness about the work we do. Here are some simple ways to get you started:

1. **Share information about our services with others.** Let us know if you need more in print or digital.
2. **Place our bulletin announcements** in your weekly bulletin or on social media frequently.
3. **Include our prayer intentions** (written by our own Sr. Betty Banja) during Mass.
4. **Welcome your “Parish Champions”** to host a table after masses in September.
5. **Add our Catholic Charities link to your resource page** for quick access to anyone in need <https://www.CatholicCharitiesAZ.org/>.

Our Online Toolkit has numerous parish resources you can access anytime:

- Bulletin Announcements to use for the entire month of September and beyond.

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- General information about Catholic Charities Awareness Month, Joining Hearts Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Program, (Arizona's only Catholic Adoption Program), as well as our other Counseling Programs
- Pulpit Announcements
- Prayer Intentions
- Parish Champion Volunteer (ambassador/liason) information for anyone at your parish who is interested in learning about our services and sharing them with parishioners. (Must have Pastor's blessing!)
- **Online Toolkit can be accessed at:** <https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/ccawareness-toolkit>

A member of our Parish and Community Engagement Team will call your parish to ensure you have received the material to use in September for **Catholic Charities Awareness Month**.

For any questions or additional materials, please contact Dulce Valdez, Parish and Diocesan Engagement Manager, at DValdez@cc-az.org or 602.650.4832. Our leaders, Paul Mulligan, President and CEO, and Cathy Peterson, Executive Director, Northern Arizona, are also available to discuss anything you need at pmulligan@cc-az.org or 602-650-4835 or cpeterson@cc-az.org or at 928-778-2531.

The work we do together unites us in faith and service, so thank you for proclaiming the gospel in both word and deed.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul S. Mulligan".

Paul S. Mulligan, MTS, MBA
President & CEO

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Cathy B. Peterson
Executive Director, Northern AZ Region