



WELCOME to our new donor and volunteer E-Newsletter – *Catholic Charities Connect!* This is a new Philanthropy publication to be sent electronically each month to you – our donors, volunteers and key stakeholders. Our goal is to provide you with up-to-date information on our programs, activities and fundraising campaigns. We also want to highlight some of our individuals, corporations and community partners who are making a significant impact on furthering our Catholic Charities mission. We welcome your ideas, suggestions and feedback to improve our

philanthropy, marketing and volunteer efforts. Please feel free to contact me at: kbisko@cc-az.org

Thank you for your outstanding support of Catholic Charities! We hope you enjoy reading our first issue of *Catholic Charities Connect!*

Karen A. Bisko, CFRE
Vice President of Philanthropy

“Celebrating Foster Care Month!”

The Ups and Downs of Fostering Ends with the Greatest Blessing for Becky & Bob

For Bob and Becky, foster care and adoption are more than choices, they are a calling. “When we first started dating, I asked Bob if he would be open to adopting,” said Becky. “It was on my heart since I was a child.”

Bob lost his mother as a teenager and struggled as he moved from place to place. He always wanted to help kids and provide love and stability to children in crisis. Little did they know all the emotional highs and lows they would experience in fostering and how it would change their lives forever.

[Read their touching story.](#)



Donor Spotlight



The Board of Visitors recently awarded a \$20,000 grant to Catholic Charities Community Services for Westside Head Start to address adverse childhood experiences and behavioral health challenges. The grant will fund a new mental health program that provides families access to mental health services and increases both the understanding and awareness of mental health issues. We are so grateful to the Board of Visitors!

Volunteer Seeks out Homeless; Provides Hope & Help



In the winter months, temperatures in Kingman, Ariz. can dip below freezing providing brutal conditions for those experiencing homelessness. During a rare later-winter snowfall, Catholic Charities volunteer David, along with the homeless outreach team, knew their help was needed. [Read how the team helped provide life-saving help.](#)

It All Adds Up to Hope

Volunteerism at Catholic Charities takes many forms. But each and every volunteer is welcomed and cherished for their dedication. Just one volunteer like Randy, can truly make a difference!

Randy's lifetime volunteer hours so far: 448
Value of those volunteer hours: \$12,185.60
*(Volunteer hours are valued at \$27.20/hour)

We can't do it without you! Join Randy and our other volunteers in changing lives.

[Volunteer applications are being accepted.](#)

What's Coming Up

Don't miss these upcoming events:

Mental Health & Coping Skills

Friday, May 14 @ 10-11:00 AM

Join the Catholic Charities counseling program's quarterly series discussing mental health and coping skills. [Click to RSVP](#)

Joining Hearts Infant Adoption Orientation

Tuesday, May 18 @ 6:00PM

Join Joining Hearts to learn more about the process of adoption and whether or not it might be right for you and your family. [Click to RSVP](#)

Foster Care Orientation

Thursday, May 20 @ 6:00PM

Join our Foster Care program to learn more about becoming a foster parent and how this program is serving our community. [Click to RSVP](#)

Agency Overview

Friday, May 21 @ 10-11:00 AM (English) [Click to RSVP](#)

Viernes, mayo 21 @ 1-2:00 PM (español) [Clic en RSVP](#)

A presentation reviewing Catholic Charities' mission, vision, and programs to improve the lives of Arizona's most vulnerable residents.

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