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Remembering Bill Jones

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William R. Jones "Bill" was born in Arcadia, Florida in 1948. He was a 1970 graduate of the University of Florida and held master's degrees from Lexington Theological Seminary in divinity and from the University of Kentucky in social work. A convert to the Catholic faith, Bill was a member of the parish of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.

Bill had grown up in a devout Methodist family. He came to Kentucky to work as associate pastor of Florence Christian Church, and came to work at Catholic Charities in 1981, as a mental health therapist. He served as Department Chair for Counseling Services, Program Director and Associate Executive Director, working with Sr. Joan Boberg CDP, Executive Director, in that position from 1995 until her retirement in 2005. Nationally, Bill was a member of the Executive Committee of the board of Catholic Charities USA, to which he was appointed in 2009.

Bill was appointed Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, which included Parish Kitchen, in September of 2005. The focus of the work of the agency since 2005 has been programming which not only serves those who are most at risk but also new initiatives which lift people from poverty and the other social conditions which prevent them from achieving self-sufficiency.

During his tenure, Catholic Charities purchased a housing facility which supports sixteen families who have a member who is disabled and who were formerly homeless. We offer these families a variety of services which help them become self-sufficient. These services include financial literacy, housing support, job coaching, mentoring for former prison and jail inmates, mental health and parenting services. Because of Bill's leadership, Catholic Charities purchased the Welcome House building which houses the Parish Kitchen. The building has been rehabbed and continues to function as a shelter operated by Welcome House, and is still the home of Parish Kitchen.

Bill was a visionary leader and was always a powerful advocate for the poor and needy in our community. The staff of Catholic Charities loved and admired Bill for his crusading spirit, his compassion for those in need, his powerful intellect and his strong faith. Bill was an example to everyone who knew him because of the way he put his faith into action in every aspect of his life.

Bill is survived by his wife Donna Scholer, a large extended family and many friends. Bill will be truly missed by everyone whose life he touched.

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To promote healing, restore hope and affirm human potential through services that empower, voices that speak for justice; and, partnerships that strengthen communities.

Dear Friends

A Legacy of Service

As you may know, we at Catholic Charities are mourning the death of our beloved Executive Director, Bill Jones, who died on November 6th. Bill was a remarkable man and a visionary leader. His desire for all of us here was that we remember the words of Jesus in our ministry to the poor and needy, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers or sisters, you did it to me."

Bill developed a strong organization. The agency has a dedicated, hardworking staff. For the last nine months since Bill's stroke, the management team trained by Bill has run the agency. We have continued to serve clients and minister to those in need as he would have wished. Bill taught us not only how to manage and administer, he also inspired us with his vision. We were privileged to serve our community under his guidance. Bill was passionate about serving the poor, and his ideal of service will continue to be at the core of our mission of healing and hope. Programs are running smoothly; we continue to serve clients in our many diverse programs. The need of the clients is not less; nearly half the people we serve report having no income. We are moving ahead with expanding case management services so that clients can receive the help they need in an efficient and timely way.

I hope you will continue your support of Catholic Charities as we embark on this period of transition. Your generosity will enable us to carry out Bill's vision and continue his legacy of service.



Your partner in service,

Shannon N. Braun

Shannon Braun, MSW, CSW
Interim Executive Director

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington had a record-breaking attendance and funds raised at **The CaSSba 2013**, *Salute to the Armed Forces* Annual Event that took place on August 25th, 2013 at Drees Pavilion in Devou Park. Event Chair Vicky Bauerle said, "This accomplishment could not have been possible without the help and support of over 400 guests, volunteers and sponsors."

Event Sponsors: KW Mechanical, The Bank of Kentucky, and Schneller Heating and Air; *Gold Sponsors:* Ruth Faragher and St. Elizabeth Health Care; *Silver Sponsor:* DBL Law; and *Bronze Sponsor:* Dorning Supply.

This newsletter is published three times a year in spring, summer and winter for friends of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities provides adoption services, housing support, therapeutic counseling, neighborhood and community organizing, parenting services, pregnancy counseling, substance abuse treatment, jail ministry and prisoner reentry services, youth development services, intake and referral, and volunteer support.



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We Are Called Annual Appeal

The theme of this year's Catholic Charities annual appeal is "We Are Called" which is taken from the popular David Haas hymn of the same name. For Vicky Bauerle, Institutional Advancement Manager, the second stanza of the hymn "Come, open your heart" is the invitation for people to support the work of the agency in providing assistance to the needy.

We serve the community in a broad range of programs which assist people in a variety of ways. For example, our HUD licensed counselors have helped more than 170 families avoid foreclosure and keep their homes. St. Joseph Apartments currently provide a safe and stable home for sixteen families who were previously homeless. Parish Kitchen serves 75,000 meals each year to needy people, many of them homeless as well as hungry. We have counselors in 16 schools serving grades K-12, both Catholic and public. Many of these are children with emotional or social difficulties who struggle at school and do not have access to mental health counseling. Our pregnancy counseling program offers women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy emotional support, education and material assistance, and our adoption program places infants in loving, stable, two-parent families, which is what their birth parents want for them.

The Annual Appeal event kicked off with testimonials from clients and volunteers. "Their success stories are what make our jobs so rewarding," said Shannon Braun, Interim Director. The evening culminated with the presentation of the Marcella Strategier Award, named in honor of a longtime volunteer and donor. The agency's advisory board chose Mark and Casey Guilfoyle for their unselfish devotion to Catholic Charities. Mark was on the board for six years, and was board chair for two. He guided the board through the development of a strategic plan, and challenged senior management to look critically at our programs, to help us dis-



Pictured (L-R) are Msgr. Michael Due, Bishop Roger Foys, Casey and Mark Guilfoye, and Shannon Braun.

cern how to best serve the needy in our community. Casey provides support at St. Joseph Apartments though her involvement with the St. Vincent DePaul chapter at Blessed Sacrament Church. Their lives are about faith in action.

Closing the evening, Bishop Roger Foys thanked those assembled for their participation and congratulated Catholic Charities for its work in service to the Gospel and the people of the diocese of Covington.

Catholic Charities' inspiration is as it says in the song, "We are called to serve one another." Please help us serve those who need the most. If you have already made a donation to our annual appeal we thank you. If not, an envelope is enclosed for your convenience. For more information about the Catholic Charities' annual appeal or agency services visit www.covingtoncharities.org.

*"Come,
open your heart"*

Bishop of Covington

Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, DD

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Volunteer of the Year



Myrna Ward was presented with the Volunteer of the Year award at the agency's annual volunteer brunch on December 7th. Joy Boothby, Volunteer Coordinator, and Vicky Bauerle, Institutional Advancement Manager presented Myrna with her award.

Growing up in Nebraska, Myrna had to get up very early to milk the cows before school. Myrna says that she had a wonderful childhood. She certainly is strong and resourceful. She can do anything.

A retired nurse manager for St. Elizabeth Hospital, Myrna became a volunteer for us as many people do, by responding to an advertisement in her parish bulletin. Joy still remembers the day she met Myrna for the first time. "I was feeling pretty low about Christmas gifts for volunteers," said Joy. "The Volunteer Team said it was impossible to make the gifts that I had dreamed of." This is like a real Christmas story, because Myrna spoke up. She said she could make a hundred gifts in a few evenings if she had to. And she was not just talking...she did it! Myrna was a natural for the volunteer team which makes gifts and plans events for the volunteers.

Myrna also works with Vicky Bauerle once a week. She helps with the Raiser's Edge computer program, assisting with marketing and fundraising. Vicky said "Myrna is so reliable and works very hard and loves a challenge. Volunteering in this department is not for everyone, because things are always changing. Myrna really enjoys the work and does a wonderful job".

We are so grateful that Myrna answered that advertisement in her parish bulletin and joined us at Catholic Charities. We feel very lucky to have a dedicated volunteer who loves her work and enjoys a challenge, and we appreciate her strength and positive attitude, developed years ago on that farm in Nebraska.

Volunteer of the Season: Autumn



Ginny Cassidy came to Catholic Charities five years ago. She had been a leasing consultant in the real estate business for many years. Ginny began as a substitute receptionist, then worked Tuesday mornings and finally settled into a permanent position on Wednesday morning. She enjoys being here and greeting staff and clients as well as answering a busy telephone.

Ginny raised five wonderful children. She loves her family and her grandchildren and nothing gives her greater pleasure than spending time with them.

She is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish and enjoys church very much. She and her daughters plan to go to Italy next year and visit all of the churches, chapels, and of course, the Vatican.

Thank you Ginny for sharing your time and talents with all of us.

School Counselors Join Staff



Caia Pope grew up in Bernalillo, New Mexico, and recently moved to Cold Spring, KY with her husband, who has taken a position at Northern Kentucky University. She holds a B.A in education and a M.Ed in school counseling from Southeast Missouri State University. Caia is currently assigned to Ockerman Elementary school as a school counselor two days a week. The other two days Caia runs classroom prevention groups

in the diocesan elementary schools. She enjoys her work at Catholic Charities because it gives her the opportunity to serve children as a school counselor.

In her spare time, Caia enjoys yard work, walking her dog, and spending time with her family. She also enjoys making bracelets and collecting Snoopy toys. Caia says her favorite quotation is “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass... it’s about learning to dance in the rain.”



Mary Tassone is from Loveland, Ohio, and earned a B.A. in psychology from the University of Dayton and a M.Ed in school counseling from the University of Cincinnati. This school year she is working two days a week at Holy Cross Elementary and two days a week at St Augustine Elementary.

Mary came to Catholic Charities because she knew that she wanted to be a school counselor,

and says that when she saw the job posting online she was “excited to give it a shot.” Mary feels blessed to have received a great Catholic education and is honored to be working at a Catholic agency and in two Catholic schools. “Everyone has been so welcoming and helpful. It is a positive work environment where everyone is working hard to make a difference,” says Mary.

Mary enjoys running, dancing, yoga and meditation. Mary’s source of inspiration was her own school counselor. “She helped me when I was in grade school and now I am trying to inspire other children at school.” Mary also credits her family and fiancé, Jon, for always being supportive of her. “Also, my friends and co-workers are great! I’m so grateful to have so many wonderful people in my life.”

We are very happy to have Caia and Mary as additions to our school counseling program!

Program Staff

Patti Anderson, *Housing Supervisor*

Joe Behler, *Counselor*

Ashley Draper, *Intern*

Sheila Dumford, *School Counseling Supervisor*

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Mary Tassone, *School Counselor*

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Nancy Woeste, *Housing Counselor*

Catholic Charities' Counseling Program Provides Hope

In the last issue of *Partners* we ran a short article about our mental health counseling program. The following is a letter from a grateful recipient of these services, who describes how counseling can change someone's life. The letter describes how the work of a knowledgeable and caring therapist can help a client heal and find new meaning in life.



Dear Catholic Charities:

For close to four years now, I have been coming to Catholic Charities to see my therapist, Ms. Diane Mushaben, and I have always been thrilled by the level of service I get, not only from Ms. Mushaben, but from everyone I have had the pleasure to meet and do business with.

Your organization has always been polite, helpful and, in my case, a life-saver. In many ways I personally have grown and changed—all due to my work with Ms. Mushaben. The bi-monthly group I have the pleasure of being a member of and the whole atmosphere of the Catholic Charities organization itself. Much emotionally charged hard work is done between my therapist, Diane Mushaben and myself and I dare say that without the help of Ms. Mushaben and the Catholic Charities organization, it is quite possible that I may not be alive and doing as well as I can at the moment.

Suffice it to say that it is with all my heart and soul that I truly love and feel grateful to have Ms. Mushaben as my therapist. And my need for her insightful input into my life, troubles and joys both, is the high point of my life and I feel both blessed and abundantly happy (with) both Diane my therapist and the Charities organization as a whole (that) has become a truly vital and much necessary part of my existence in this world.

Thank you all for your help and concern.

Spotlight on Parent-Child Program

The goal of the parent-child program is to teach parents healthy ways to interact with their children, especially when they are trying to rebuild their relationship with their children. Typically, the children have been removed from their care because there has been abuse or neglect in the home.

People learn most of what they know about how to be a parent from the way they were parented. This is why child abuse is generational. In this program we are trying to break the cycle by teaching parents healthy ways to interact with their children. The parents spend time with their children in the play-room, which is a large, attractive room with many different kinds of toys and activities for children. We also have a play structure outside for use in the warm weather. Working with a trained educator, parents receive coaching in how to respond to children in the situations that arise during the visits. Anna Phillips, the parenting educator, says that the program is successful because “we work on understanding why children behave the way they do. When parents understand that certain behaviors are to be expected because of the child’s developmental level, they don’t get angry and blame the child, which can lead to abuse.” Anna also teaches parents how to discipline without physical punishment or shaming.

For Anna, the most rewarding aspect of the twelve week program is to see children who were fearful and withdrawn at the early sessions, now smiling, talking and interacting with their parent. She also says that it’s rewarding to see parents grow closer to their children and discipline them in healthy and appropriate ways.

Wish Lists...

For St. Joseph Apartments

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Soap/body wash
- Toilet paper
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Household cleaning products

For the Agency

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- Dish towels
- Oven mitts
- Baby wipes
- Capri Suns
- Snack pack size crackers

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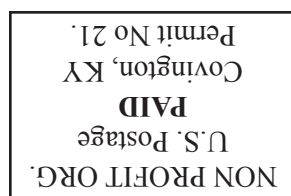


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