



## 10th Annual Golf Classic

The Northern Kentucky Knights of Columbus held their 10th annual golf classic on Saturday July 14th at Twin Oaks Golf & Plantation Club. In the past nine years, the Knights have raised over \$75,000 for Catholic Charities' Lifeline fund. This fund supports our Adoption and Pregnancy Counseling program and provides a safety net to women facing an unplanned pregnancy while they develop and carry out either a parenting or adoption plan for their children. Alan Pickett, Executive Director said, "This fund specifically covers certain out-of-pocket costs incurred during, or immediately following, the pregnancy. We offer our sincerest thanks to the Knights on behalf of our Adoption and Pregnancy Counseling clients for their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to this vital ministry."

During the dinner, the Knights honored Lou Smith, a WWII Marine Veteran, who received the Purple Heart. He has golfed in all ten golf outings with his sons. Dennis Elix, Co-Chair for all ten years said, "The Golf Classic sells out every year with 144 golfers. It's very rewarding to see the golfers and sponsors being very generous and having us able to present a check to the Catholic Charities Lifeline fund every year."

At the event, Vicky Bauerle, Catholic Charities' Institutional Advancement Manager, announced to the committee and golfers, that the Northern Kentucky Knights of Columbus will receive Catholic Charities Community Partner Award at their November 8, 2018 Annual Campaign Dinner. The Community Partner Award recognizes an individual, company, or organization who shares the values of Catholic Charities and has collaborated closely in partnership with our agency to make a significant difference in the community. Vicky Bauerle said, "This perfectly describes all that the Knights do throughout the community, and it is an award well deserved."

The Knights of Columbus Golf Committee will present Catholic Charities with a check in August. Catholic Charities would like to thank the committee who have worked tirelessly for the past ten years. Co-Chairs: Bill Kopp, Carl Biery, and Dennis Elix, Committee Members: Deacon Bill Theis, Bob Merkle, Dave and Suanne Ledonne, Keith Cahill, Don Ward, Fred Porciello and Dustin Reed.



# A Letter from the Executive Director



*"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)*

Dear Friends

The theme in Chapter 12 from 1 Corinthians is about unity in our diversity. This theme is reflected in one of my favorite Catholic Hymns, "We Are Many Parts," by Marty Haugen. The opening line says, "We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share." These lyrics remind me of what I regularly witness among our many volunteers here at Catholic Charities. That is, we have all been given various gifts, and our volunteers have chosen to generously share their gifts to support our ministry. Through these various gifts coming together, we become one in Christ.

This issue of the Partners Newsletter highlights our volunteers and illustrates the reality of this truth, that each of our volunteers recognizes that the gifts they were given, were given to be shared. The front cover article recaps the Knights of Columbus who have hosted a golf outing for the past ten years in a row to support the Catholic Charities Lifeline Fund. You would think this group consists of avid golfers. In reality, most of Knights involved in the golf outing don't play golf, but they all are united and totally committed to the mission of the Catholic Charities Adoption and Pregnancy Counseling ministries, and all shared their gifts to organize and sell out a first class event.

The feature article, "Sharing God's Gifts" by Karen Kuhlman, singles out seven or eight outstanding individuals whose talents and gifts were a perfect fit for one or more of our ministries. The article recounts how several of them learned about our ministry and then recognized how their gifts fit a need in our ministry.

You will find a few photos and a recap of our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that was held in June 2018, in Bishop Howard Memorial Hall at the Curia Building in Covington. This dinner was our opportunity as a ministry to recognize and thank all of our volunteers who have generously shared each of their unique gifts across all of our various programs. Special recognition was given to those volunteers who celebrated a significant milestone anniversary this year.

At every turn, it is my goal not only to recognize each of our volunteers and partners in ministry, but also to stop and say thank you. Thank you for your many gifts, and thank you for choosing to share your gifts with us. Your generosity makes it possible for us to have a positive impact on the many people we serve. My prayer for all of us is that by sharing our gifts, we may all be one in love and service to our Lord.

In God's mercy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Pickett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan Pickett, Executive Director

## News and Events



### Save the Date: CaSSba 2018

Sunday August 26, 2018 from 3-7 p.m.  
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Admission \$60 per person pre-sale or \$65 day of event  
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To purchase your tickets early contact Vicky Bauerle at  
859-581-8974, [vbauerle@covingtoncharities.org](mailto:vbauerle@covingtoncharities.org) or at  
[www.covingtoncharities.org](http://www.covingtoncharities.org)

### Sacred Heart Radio—Son Rise Morning Show

Listen to Son Rise Morning Show at 8:20 a.m. the **4th Thursday of the month** to hear Catholic Charities staff member on the show talking about the agency and how it is serving in the diocese of Covington. The podcasts are also available on the website at [www.covingtoncharities.org](http://www.covingtoncharities.org)



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# Sharing God's Gifts

By Karen Horgan Kuhlman

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington has been welcoming all who walk through its front doors of hope since 1931. Catholic Charities changes lives as it feeds the hungry and shelters the homeless, uplifts women faced with an untimely pregnancy and couples suffering from infertility, comforts those in need of solace, consoles those in jail and those suffering from addiction.

Catholic Charities' compassionate counselors ease the suffering of our neighbors, and for 70 years, the helping hand extended by thousands of volunteers has complemented their efforts. There is no end to the ways in which a volunteer can be useful, and those opportunities are matched to the gifts each volunteer has been given by God: the know-how honed by life experience, the exuberance of youth, a willingness to take on new tasks or share a skill, a friendly smile, a servant's heart. Catholic Charities values all of those assets and the volunteers willing to share them.

Connie Noll's relatives had adopted children through Catholic Charities and she wanted to do something to express her appreciation. Her 17 years of volunteer service include working at Parish Kitchen, serving on Catholic Charities and Parish Kitchen boards, and the planning committee for CaSSba, the charities main fundraiser. Connie says: "The opportunities at Catholic Charities are bigger than you or I. You have a gift to share with a community already asking you to share it."

Phyllis Noll, encouraged by daughter Connie, considered volunteer opportunities at Catholic Charities. Now, 15 years later, she continues to provide administrative assistance to the staff, and heads up teams that prepares mailings for the Partners Letter and Parish Kitchen throughout the year. Phyllis says fellow volunteers are a joy to work with and recalls the sentiments of Denny Vieth, a volunteer receptionist for many years before his death: "Everyone here is like family, and I miss them when they retire." Phyllis wants potential volunteers to know how much they are needed, and how receptive Catholic Charities is to working around the schedules of the dependable volunteers on whom so much depends.

The Bradleys' have been volunteering at the Parish Kitchen for 15 years, and say they always receive much more than they give. Nancy contributes one day and Jim contributes five every week to Parish Kitchen. They know each guest by name, and make sure each feels welcomed and cared for. They see the love and real concern Catholic Charities has for everyone who comes to Parish Kitchen.



Jim and Nancy Bradley



Cassidy Horgan,  
Phyllis Noll & Connie Noll



Dianne Ruschman



*Cooks for the CaSSba*



*Students from St. Therese School*

**If you are willing to share one of the gifts that God has given you, Catholic Charities Volunteer Co-coordinator Kristina Jolly can match your gift with a perfect volunteer opportunity from an ever growing list. Contact her at 859-581-8974 or [KJolly@covingtoncharities.org](mailto:KJolly@covingtoncharities.org).**

They value the good people with whom they volunteer and the unique gifts each contributes. Nancy would like potential volunteers to know that they are really appreciated by the guests – and really needed. She asks them to put fear aside: Parish Kitchen is located in a safe neighborhood. Seven days a week, guests come from all over the urban area, some walking from Ludlow or Newport, for what might be their only meal of the day. Individuals volunteer their services for the mid-day meal from 11 to 2, or in the evening to prepare the food for the next day's meal.

Sue Meier has been a volunteer with Catholic Charities for 4 years. She works in Pre-Service and is often the first person new clients meet on their initial visit. Sue enjoys putting clients at ease in a confidential setting as she helps them get started on their paperwork, enters it into the computer and accepts clients' payments. She contacts each new and continuing client by telephone, reminding them of the date and time of their sessions, and assists the staff with any clerical duties that need attention. She feels good knowing that her efforts help defray costs so that donations made to Catholic Charities can be put to good use.

Chris Ruschman saw an ad in her church bulletin asking for a volunteer to assist Catholic Charities school counselors. Having worked as a school secretary, she was suited to the position. She has been volunteering as an administrative assistant to school counselors with Catholic Charities for 5 years. Her clerical duties include data entry and preparing forms for counselors use. Chris sees the value of her position, and volunteers about 4 hours each week. As a practicing Catholic, she loves having the opportunity to take a new look at what the Catholic Church does for the world.

Kathy Danneman began volunteering with Catholic Charities in 2006 as a receptionist in the Latonia office, where she greets those who come for counseling services, answers the busy telephone lines and tackles small clerical duties. She has worked on CaSSba, the Diocesan Pro-Life committees, mailing teams, CaSSba cooking team, work crews for the St. Joseph Apartments and served on Catholic Charities board for 6 years. Her husband Bill is involved with the Jail Ministry and son Joe annually volunteers as the CaSSba emcee. Kathy loves working with the "really good people and the great, dedicated staff of Catholic Charities."

Following college graduation 4 years ago, Cassidy Horgan decided to take a step outside of herself. She looked into volunteer opportunities with Catholic Charities and became a part of the whirlwind that is the CaSSba planning committee. Committee members tackle every aspect of CaSSba: they select the theme, plan the details, solicit auction items, wrap every gift, work the event, tie it all up with a bow, pause for a breath and then get busy on the next year's event. Cassidy says "Catholic Charities will find a volunteer position that is just right for you. It is wonderful to be involved with something that takes you out of yourself, something that offers you the chance to help more people than you can possibly imagine."

On the evening of her first meeting, Cassidy was surprised to find herself in the Mary Moser Room of Catholic Charities Latonia office. She had not expected to find her great grandmother smiling at her from a portrait on the wall. Catholic Charities' first social worker seemed to be telling her that she had come to the right place. Mary Moser would surely offer that advice to all who consider extending a hand to change a life.

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**Saturday, October 6**

**Saturday, November 3**

**9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

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## Donations needed for Parish Kitchen

Parish Kitchen is always in need of homemade desserts. The hot summer months can be just as taxing on our guests as the cold winter months. Here are some other needs:

- Socks
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray/mosquito repellent

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(859)581-7745

or Catholic Charities

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# Volunteers

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On Tuesday June 12th, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington, held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium in Covington. Volunteers from both Catholic Charities and Parish Kitchen were invited to attend and to join in the celebration. Among those honored that night was Nolan Merten, a 2018 graduation of Covington Catholic High school. Nolan was the recipient of the \$500 scholarship for the Reach and Teach Mentor Program. Volunteers were also recognized for serving for 5, 10, 15, 20, & 25 plus years of service.

*Pictured from Left to Right: Alan Pickett, Donna Moreland, Nolan Merten and Fr. Ryan Maher, VG*

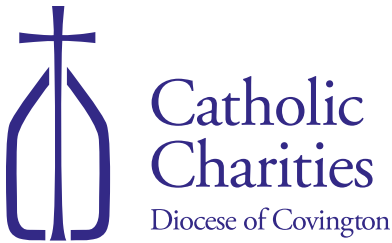


## Together we DO make a difference!

- Over 300 people volunteer at Catholic Charities and Parish Kitchen each year.
- Volunteers donate over 15,000 hours of service each year to Catholic Charities. This equates to 8 full time staff.
- Catholic Charities counselors provided 472 students with mental health counseling at school.
- Approximately 59,000 meals were served to the hungry and 500 sleeping bags and blankets were distributed at Parish Kitchen.
- 64 homes were saved from foreclosure through our housing counseling program.
- Staff, volunteers and donors worked together to help change the lives of over 10,000 people in the community.

It is because of the generosity of our MANY donors and volunteers that we are able to be the hands and feet of Christ. Each day we strive to extend a hand and change a life. Thank You!

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