Making A Difference

Dear Friend of Catholic Community Services of Utah,

On April 2, 2014, Catholic Community Services in northern Utah held its annual Dream Builder’s Breakfast in support of our Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank and St. Martha’s Baby Layette program. I want to thank the 350 plus attendees who supported this year’s breakfast, I’m pleased to report that this year’s Breakfast was the most successful in our history and that every dollar raised will go to support our northern Utah programs. I also want to thank all those who supported CCS and Dinner at Vinny’s through the Love Utah Give Utah campaign. Thanks to many support, both campaigns were a tremendous success.

As we close out the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year, Catholic Community Services of Utah (CCS) continues to see increase need for our services. The St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall served over 470,000 meals between the noon meal service and Dinner at Vinny’s (evening meal service). Our Refugee Resettlement program resettled 568 refugees with nearly half being children. The Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank distributed over 2.7 million pounds to over 11,000 families. Our St. Mary’s Center for Recovery graduated 41 men successfully from our treatment program, many of them veterans. None of this happens without the support of our community, donors and volunteers. To all of you we say “thank you.”

I’m pleased to announce our honorees for our upcoming 2014 Humanitarian Award Dinner, which will take place on November 6, 2014 at the Little America Hotel. Our honorees include Jon and Mary Kay Huntsman, Elder L. Tom and Barbara Perry with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the ALSAM Foundation. We hope you will mark your calendars for what promises to be a special evening.

CCS is truly grateful to be part of such loving and caring community. I want to thank you all for helping us to provide help and create hope for countless families and individuals who turn to Catholic Community Services of Utah in their of need.

Respectfully,

Bradford R. Drake
Executive Director

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Donor Spotlight: You Make It Possible

The following individuals and organizations recently donated to CCS, and we would like to express our sincere thanks to them by recognizing their contributions.

Our Basic Needs Services-Salt Lake program was supported by CIT Bank, the Henry W. and Leslie M. Eskuche Foundation, the Huntsman LLC, R. Harold Burton Foundation, UBS Bank, Union Pacific Railroad, and the Marriner S. Eccles Foundation. Last quarter, the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall provided 130,517 trays of food during our twice-daily meal service. The Weigand Homeless Resource Center, meanwhile, assisted 1,223 unduplicated clients by providing essential services and referrals. Staff provided case management to 169 individuals and helped 25 people become employed.

Our Basic Needs Services-Northern Utah program received donations from the Boeing Employee Community Fund, Cargill Inc., the Clark and Christine Ivory Foundation, P&G Paper Products Co., R&O Construction, Share our Strength, the Stephen G. and Susan E. Denkers Family Foundation, Utah Food Bank, the Warren P. Powers Charitable Foundation and Zions Bank. Their funding helped the Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank distribute 608,522 pounds of food to over 2,300 households. The Refugee Resettlement program was supported by Mr. and Mrs. David Hock, Jordan Lawrence, and Intermountain Health Care. Last quarter CCS helped resettle 212 newly arriving refugees and helped them make a successful transition to life in Utah. Our Immigration program, meanwhile, was awarded a grant by the Utah Bar Foundation. This program helped hundreds of clients apply for citizenship.

Those providing general operating support for our eight distinctive programs include the McCarthey Family Foundation, Wells Fargo, the Achelis Foundation, Dr. and Mrs. Dominic Albo, the American Dream Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Michael H Brimley, the Castle Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Henkels, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Joklik, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McDonough, Merrick Bank Corporation, Mrs. Loretta J. Miller, Mr. Steven J. Price, Mr. Robert C. Steiner, and Telemachus. In addition to the above, numerous individuals and organizations donated to CCS, and we extend our sincerest thanks to them all.

Thank you again to everyone who helped support us in our mission to provide help and create help for those most in need in our community. We truly could not impact the lives of so many in our community without your support!

Catholic Community Services is an equal opportunity provider.

Upcoming Events:

- Men’s Wearhouse Suit Drive
  - July 2014
- Backpack Bonanza
  - August 8, 9, 11, 2014
- Hunger Action Month
  - September 2014
- Humanitarian Awards Dinner
  - November 6, 2014

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Providing Help... Creating Hope...
Each year, Catholic Community Services of Utah pays tribute to those in the northern Utah community who are making a difference in the lives of those in need. This year, we had the opportunity to honor Saint Joseph Catholic Elementary School as the Community Partner, Pamela J. Atkinson as the Community Advocate, Jan M. Zogmaister as the Visionary Leader, and Robert A. Hunter as the Philanthropist of the Year.

15,849 pounds of food to help other children and families that are less fortunate. At the Breakfast, we also had the incredible opportunity of sharing Glenda Lingo’s story with the public. Glenda visits the Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank each month. There, she receives food, community referrals, household items, and much more. Glenda’s journey to the Hall Food Bank takes her an hour each way by wheel chair, but she loves her independence and her ability to choose the food she wants through our new “client choice” food pantry.

“'It wasn’t for the Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank, me and a lot of people would go hungry,” says Glenda. We hope to see everyone at next year’s Breakfast to share more stories and continue to help others in need.

These wonderful individuals and organizations have worked tirelessly in support of those on their journey to self-sufficiency, and have been invaluable partners as we collaborate to serve others.

For example, Saint Joseph Catholic Elementary School has partnered with CCS on many community projects, including our Souper Bowl of Caring campaign in January and February. The students at Saint Joseph’s collected 15,849 pounds of food to help other children and families that are less fortunate.

The mission of Catholic Community Services is to practice gospel values of love, compassion and hope through service, support and collaboration.

World Refugee Month
By: Danielle Stamos

World Refugee Month is a worldwide celebration and awareness campaign for refugees. According to UNHCR there are 45.2 million forcibly displaced peoples worldwide. This number continues to rise with new violent attacks and political strife occurring every day.

Each year, approximately 1,200 of those refugees are resettled in Utah. Catholic Community Services of Utah works tirelessly to ensure that each refugee in our community has a safe place to live, access to education and work, and a welcoming community.

The greatest struggles refugees face upon arriving in the US are language and workforce skill deficiencies. Our goal is to have each eligible refugee employed within six months of their coming to Utah. To that end, on June 19, 2014, CCS hosted the second annual Refugee Job Fair.

Along with community leaders such as former Mayor of Salt Lake County, Peter Corroon and leading businesses like Walmart, Taffy Town, and the Hyatt Hotels, we heard from two refugees who were able to reach self-sufficiency through jobs they were placed in by CCS’ Job Development department.

Often, it only takes a helping hand to give someone the confidence to follow their dreams. If you are interested in helping CCS in our job development efforts, please visit our website at www.ccsutah.org.

A recent high school graduate addressing the audience at CCS Refugee Job Fair on June 19th.

A Story of Success
By: Danielle Stamos

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These 15 graduates came to the United States from different countries and represent the many refugee children and trafficking victims who comprise CCS’ Refugee Foster Care program, the only program of its kind in Utah and one of only a handful of similar programs across the United States. For children who have had to deal with the misfortune of violence, deprivation or being orphaned, this foster care program for unaccompanied refugee minors is a second chance in life.

One of this year’s graduates is Tuku. Tuku fled his homeland of Sudan for Kenya at only ten years old, leaving behind his parents and fifteen siblings. After five years, Tuku was selected to come to Utah through the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor program. Three years later, Tuku has overcome incredible challenges and is graduating from high school. He is registered to begin higher education in the fall and was this year’s recipient of the BYU Management Society Scholarship, the Olene Walker Scholarship, and the Courageous Award from West Jordan High School.

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