

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Shelter for Homeless Men; Food/Financial Referrals;
Furniture Store; Emergency One-Family Apartment

ST. MARTIN CENTER

Emergency assistance; HIV/AIDS support; Day Care Center;
Thrift Store; Nutrition Education; Housing Counseling

PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER

Soup Kitchen; Budget Counseling; Thrift Store; Food
Distribution; Home Case Management & Life Skills;
Transitional Housing for Homeless Women

ST. ELIZABETH CENTER

Food Pantry; Thrift Store; Clothing & Bridal Shop

COUNSELING & ADOPTION SERVICES

Professional Counseling; Pregnancy Counseling; Problem
Gambling Counseling; Anger Management Groups; Sexual
Abstinence Program; Project Rachel; Adoption Services;
Refugee Resettlement

CHRIST THE KING MANOR

Continuing Care Retirement Community providing Skilled
Nursing Care, Personal Care, Alzheimer Units, Rehabilitation
Services, Home Support and Independent Living Cottages

JOHN XXIII HOME

Assisted Living; Respite; Physical Therapy; Alzheimer
Services; Long-Term Care; Counseling & Referral;
Occupational Therapy

HARBORCREEK YOUTH SERVICES

Campus & Community-Based Residential Facilities;
Assessment/Diagnostic Services; Private Education; Drug &
Alcohol Counseling; Community Service; Work Experience;
Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care

BETTER HOMES

52 Units of Affordable Housing, Social Services for Families

PASTORAL SERVICES

Family Life: Pre-Cana, Engagement Encounter, Nova, Marriage
Enrichment, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille

Healing: Beginning Experience, Rainbows,
PALS, HIV/AIDS Support Group

Disabilities: Deaf Ministry, Parish Advocacy, Spiritual
Enrichment, Victorious Missionaries, Faith & Light, Mental
Health Spirituality Outreach

Parish Social Ministry: Parish Care & Concern, Bereavement,
Elizabeth Ministry, Justice & Peace/Respect Life Advocacy

Refugee: Parish Education, Spiritual Support

Mission: Mission of Friendship, Propagation of the Faith,
Mission Education, Holy Childhood Association

Rural: Pastoral & Ecumenical Outreach, Spiritual Support,
Parish Education, Retreats/Enrichment Day Programs, Faith
Sharing Groups

CHARITIES BALL CAPTURES OUTREACH TO PEOPLE OF DIVERSE CULTURES

Mark your calendars now for the Fifteenth Anniversary Catholic Charities Ball on Friday, April 16, 2010 from 7:00 until 11:00 pm at the Bayfront Convention Center. This year's theme, "World of Wonder" portrays the international scope of Catholic Charities here in the Diocese and abroad. From the Refugee Resettlement Program to the Mission of Friendship in Mexico, to the Haiti Relief Effort, the arms of Catholic Charities stretch far and wide to reach people in need from all cultures and faiths.

This year's Honorees are Attorney James and Mary Ann Toohey, members of St. George Parish in Erie. Their selection for the Helping Hands Award is based on exemplary service to church and community.

Mary Ann Benecki Toohey was born and raised in Erie and dedicated her life to raising six children, and encouraging 16 grandchildren as well as serving her church community. She is a member of the core committee for the Neighborhood Art House, Treasurer of St. Mark's Seminary Auxiliary, and for more than 25 years has held several positions at St. George Parish. Mary Ann's philosophy

for living is simple. "I have had a lot of blessings in my lifetime," she says, "and I feel committed to giving back as much as I can of my time and talents."

Attorney Jim Toohey is a partner with Quinn, Buseck, Leemhuis, Toohey & Kroto, Inc. Law Firm and has enjoyed many civic affiliations including

his role as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Gannon University. He is involved with Saint Vincent Health Center, Serra Club of Erie, March of Dimes, and the Erie Catholic Diocese just to name a few. Jim is an active member of St. George Parish where he is a Eucharistic Minister and has chaired several committees. He is a long time board member of the Franciscan Sisters, Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, in Steubenville, Ohio.

The Tooheys lives exemplify dedication to their faith, their family, and their community.



Atty. Jim & Mary Ann Toohey



TRANSITIONING A REFUGEE WITH CARE AND RESPECT

To the average Erieite, the resettlement process for a refugee here remains a puzzle. With the keen eye and helping hands of Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services (CCCAS), the Refugee Resettlement Program offers new life for refugees entering Erie from countries like Sudan, Somalia and Iraq. First, the US State Department assigns the refugees through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). When the call comes to the Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Agency that a refugee family is coming to Erie, staff make sure their transition is as comfortable as possible.

The size of the family and their ages are considered in order to select an appropriate apartment. Staff furnish and stock it with the basics including food, clothing, bedding, kitchen supplies, and a telephone. Staff check medical records to see if wheelchairs or walkers are necessary. If the refugees have family in Erie, they are contacted immediately.

After the family is greeted at the airport, they are taken directly to their new home where a hot meal awaits them. The family receives instructions on how to use the appliances, which may be unfamiliar, such as the microwave and shower. These are conveniences that many refugees have never been exposed to in their homeland.

Caseworkers from the Welfare Department then follow up to share programs that are available such as Food Stamps, Energy Assistance and Cash Assistance. Appointments for physicals, vaccines and TB tests are scheduled and the search for employment begins for the adults. School enrollment is completed. It is an all inclusive process designed to make the refugee family's new beginning a peaceful, happy one.



Rural Ministers, Sr. Marian Wehler, OSB, back left and Sr. Clare Marie Beichner, SSJ, back right, celebrate their new signage with Christiana Rugh, left and Stephanie Harmon, right, both participants in the 2008 MOMS I program and now facilitators in the MOMS II Program.



"We focus intensely on the family for the first 6 months," says Joe Haas, Director of CCCAS, "Our goal is to connect them with a Catholic Parish where they will be mentored and supported through the process." For more information on the Refugee Resettlement Program, please visit <http://www.cccas.org/refugess.html>.

CATHOLIC RURAL MINISTRY...

The goal of Catholic Rural Ministry (CRM) is to bring the presence of women religious to the rural areas of Potter and McKean counties...and more recently to the Oil City Deanery. Sister Mary W. Hoffman, OSB, and Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB, started the original CRM in 1999 and continue to lead this multi-faceted ministry. Their powerful, supportive and loving presence is felt throughout the area as they compliment what is being done to assist people of all ages at local parishes.

Because of the success of CRM in Potter and McKean counties, a second location was established in the Oil City Deanery in September of 2007. Sister Clare Marie Beichner, SSJ, and Sister Marian Wehler, OSB, were selected to head up this branch of

A.W.E.S.O.M.E. LESSONS AT PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER

Despite these difficult economic times, a program at Prince of Peace Center in Farrell is meeting people's needs with great success.

The program entitled "Assistance With Education, Shelter, Organization, Money Management and Employment" (A.W.E.S.O.M.E.) is an educational component added to the established Emergency Assistance program at the Center. When people from Farrell, Hermitage, Wheatland, Sharpsville, and the Shenango Valley come to Prince of Peace requesting assistance with emergency needs, they are offered help in a different form: training classes. "Our program helps those who want to help themselves," says Joe Flecher, Director of Prince of Peace Center.

Instead of receiving a monetary handout for food or to pay a bill, people are invited to training classes. If they complete the classes they receive \$125 of "banked" monies which they in turn can use to pay a bill. "I'm pretty proud of how it is working," says Flecher. "We received two grants last year, one from the Catholic Charities Ball proceeds for \$8800 and another from Highmark. With this combined funding, we were able to help nearly 90 people successfully complete this program."



AWESOME Computer class students at Prince of Peace Center (L-R): Emmagene Williams, Jawdy Austin, Chris Dach, Naomi Green, Kerry Howell & Nina Smith (instructor)—each student earned a donated computer system!

The program offers a variety of life-changing lessons. Classes include Health Matters, Nutrition, Budgeting and other life skills topics. "The model is getting results," says Flecher, "and it is not duplicated in the community."

In 2009, students from a technology class from Penn State, Shenango campus, rebuilt 22 computers and then donated them to the A.W.E.S.O.M.E. program. A Computer Basics class followed and graduates received one of the donated computers instead of the "banked" monies normally received to pay a bill. Once again, the community stepped in to help us make this program a success!

For more information on the A.W.E.S.O.M.E. program at the Prince of Peace Center, call (724) 346-5777.



SEEING CHRIST IN OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN HAITI

Every one of the 120 parishes of the Erie Diocese stood in solidarity with the people in Haiti. More than \$479,539 was collected for direct relief aid for individuals and families in Haiti reflecting the heartfelt generosity of the people of the Erie Diocese. Catholic Charities was the channel for the collection in the Erie Diocese.

WOMEN RELIGIOUS OFFERING HOPE

Catholic Rural Ministry which includes parts of Clarion, Venango, Crawford and Forest counties.

Programs that focus on the spiritual needs of women can be found at both CRM locations. In Bradford, Sister Mary and Sister Phyllis sponsor "Reflection Days for Women". Held three times a year, Christian women from different parishes come together to share ideas and thoughts within a spirituality presentation.

In the Oil City Deanery, Ministry Of Mothers Sharing (M.O.M.S.) is an eight week program where mothers gather for sessions on self-esteem, dealing with stress and spiritual growth. Friendships develop and connections spread uniting the Catholic rural

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community through a strong, spiritual bond. According to Sister Clare Marie, "There is a hunger for spirituality especially among the women. They desire to talk about their faith, share their spiritual journey and live it more fully."

Catholic Rural Ministry is a Catholic Charities affiliate agency, however the Sisters are responsible for a large part of their own funding through grants, private benefactors and parish affiliations. For more information on Catholic Rural Ministry please visit <http://www.eriercd.org/charities16.asp>.

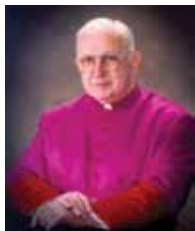
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REGAINING INDEPENDENCE AT CHRIST THE KING MANOR

Christ the King Manor in Dubois has expanded its campus to include a new short-term rehabilitation unit named in memory of Msgr. John Mignot, the founder and long time administrator of the Manor who passed away last year. The addition will welcome those who require therapy following surgery or a short term hospital stay.



Msgr. John Mignot

The beautiful chapel at Christ the King Manor was the setting for the official blessing and dedication by Bishop Donald W. Trautman on the feast of Christ the King, November 22,

2009. The newly remodeled unit boasts ten private rooms with private bathrooms and walk-in showers. Individuals also enjoy the convenience of private dining areas along with activity areas and a kitchen.

A specially trained staff readily helps residents regain their independence and heal physically and emotionally in a shorter than average period of time. "The new therapy clinic has Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapists working together to provide

Photos from the Christ the King Manor newsletter, Jan./Feb. 2010



Shirley Tubbs uses the Bio Dex UBE for increasing upper body endurance.



Rose Caruso and Evelyn Preston with Dr. Francis Rosana, Physical Therapist.

a more interdisciplinary approach to the patient's needs." says Sam Zafutto, Administrator.

Those wishing to tour this latest addition to Christ the King Manor may contact Kelly Saltzgabor, the Director of Admissions at 814.371.3180.

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