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Fall/Winter 2016

Thank you ball donors and attendees!

The generous support of the 2016 Catholic Charities Ball resulted in granting over \$100,000 to diocesan agencies.

These grants put into action the mission of Catholic Charities by providing health care, social and pastoral services that educate, affirm and support individuals and families of all faiths to their fullest human potential.

Ball donations are making a difference throughout the expansive 13-county Diocese of Erie, bringing faith, hope and charity to life. Thank you donors! Together and through Catholic Charities we are able to do more than any of us could do alone.

 CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF ERIE Bringing Faith, Hope and Charity to Life	Date <u>August 12, 2016</u>
Pay To The Order Of <u>Families in Need - Diocese of Erie</u> \$ <u>101,487.00</u>	
<u>One hundred one thousand four hundred eighty-seven⁰⁰/100</u> Dollars	
<u>Ball Grants 2016</u>	<u>An J. Bielech</u>

*Welcome new director of
disabilities and deaf ministry*

Michele Inter joined the Pastoral Services team of Catholic Charities to direct the Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry. Through parish advocacy and spiritual enrichment activities, she will work to enhance inclusion of persons with disabilities in the life of the church.

Michele brings years of professional and personal experience working with and caring for persons with physical, developmental and emotional disabilities. She can be reached at 814/824-1257 or minter@ErieRCD.org.



Michele Inter



Agencies and Services:

Good Samaritan Center Shelter for Temporarily Homeless Men; Food/Financial Referrals

St. Martin Center Emergency Assistance; Early Learning Center; 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 and Men

St. Elizabeth Center Food Pantry; Thrift Store

Counseling & Adoption 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

Saint John XXIII Home Assisted Living; Respite; Physical Therapy; Alzheimer Services; Long-Term Care; Occupational Therapy

Harborcreek Youth Services Campus-Based Residential Facilities; Assessment/Diagnostic Services; Private Education; Drug and Alcohol Counseling; Community Service; Work Experience; Multi-systemic Therapy and Therapeutic Foster Care; Campus Ministry

Better Homes 52 Units of Affordable Housing; Social Services for Families

PASTORAL SERVICES

Family Life: Pre-Cana, Engagement Encounter, NOVA, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, "Families Always Matter", Family Perspectives, Transitions, CDSG

Disabilities: Deaf Ministry, Parish Advocacy, Spiritual Enrichment, Victorious Missionaries, Faith & Light

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

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

All-Faith Focus on... Leadership

New process for agency funding

With an eye on agency sustainability and programmatic need, the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities recently established an enhanced granting process. A comprehensive grant application is now in place which will facilitate program assessment to demonstrate need, and post-grant

reporting to demonstrate impact of funding. Grants (previously issued annually) will now be awarded twice per year at the discretion of the Catholic Charities Review Board.

Affiliate agencies can apply for grants for the following:

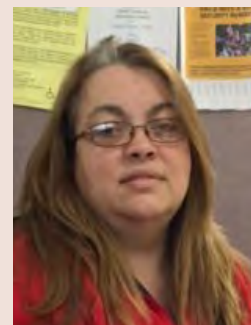
- direct assistance
- capital, facilities or technology
- operations expenses
- program development or expansion
- emergency assistance.

The purpose of this new grant process is to improve the quality of life in the Diocese of Erie by maximizing the use of every dollar donated to ensure support for programs, ministries and the sustainability of our affiliates.



Our mission at work

It could happen to you. Bonnie, her husband, Dave, and their two children were doing great until Dave suddenly had a serious health problem. He had emergency surgery and was placed into a coma to heal. Dave had been the sole provider for the family, and now Bonnie needed to figure out how to support her family. Overwhelmed, she was losing hope and meeting lots of obstacles. Bonnie's caseworker suggested she call St. Martin Center. Margie, the center's social service administrator, was able to help Bonnie with utility assistance, food and transportation to get Dave to therapy appointments. Above all this, Bonnie received the compassion she needed at this trying time.



In Bonnie's words:

“ You were my savior during my crisis and I am grateful that there are programs such as yours to help families get back on their feet. ”

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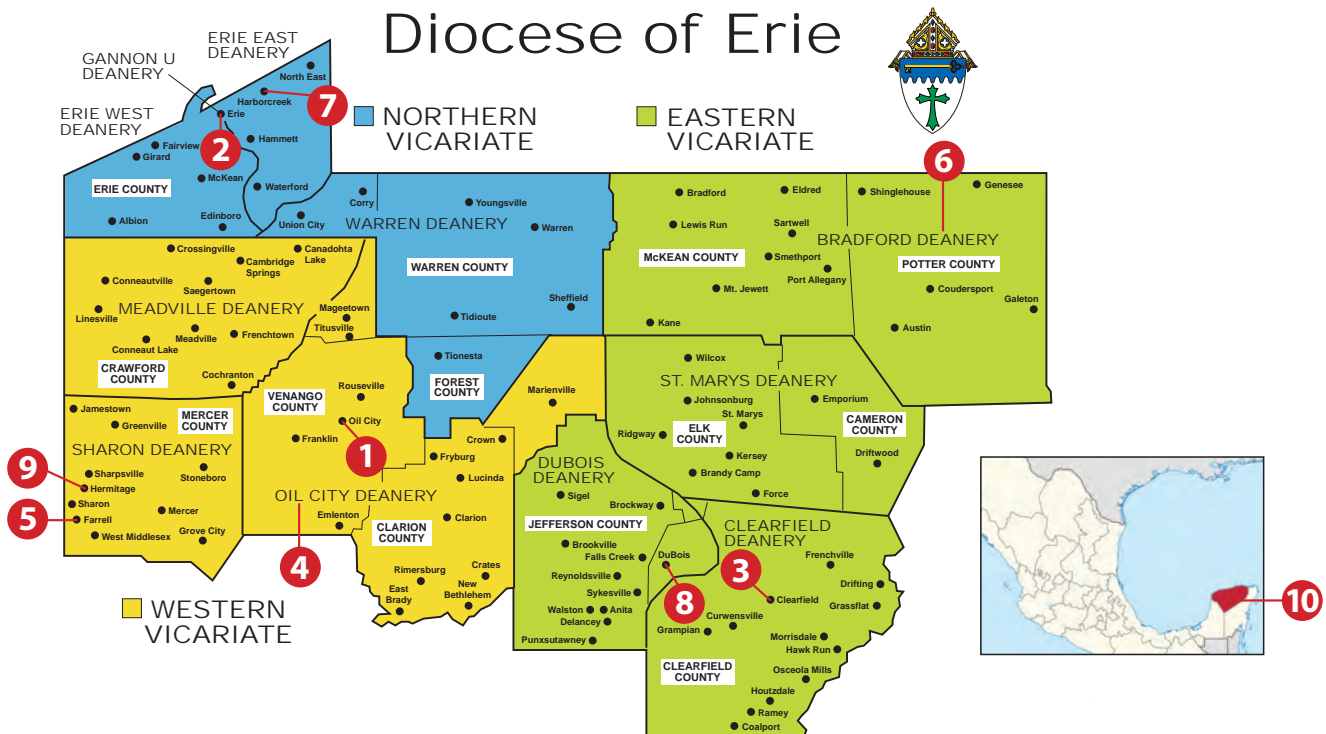
Services throughout our Diocese

Catholic Charities Ball proceeds grant over \$100,000



Representatives of Catholic Charities affiliated agencies each received a portion of the proceeds from the annual Catholic Charities Ball. Pictured, from left, are: Doug Kennedy, interim director, St. Elizabeth Center, Oil City (1); Indira Suarez, director, Office of Diocesan and International Missions, Erie (2); Makenzie Hanlin, service coordinator, Better Housing, Erie (2); Deacon Anthony Indelicato, director, Good Samaritan Center, Clearfield (3); Heather Postler, site manager, Better Housing, Erie (2); David González; CEO, St. Martin Center, Erie (2); Christine Hess, director, Office of Family Life, Erie (2); Sister Tina Geiger, RSM, Catholic Rural Ministry, Oil City Deanery (4); Joe Flecher, director, Prince of Peace Center, Farrell (5); Joe Haas, executive director, Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, Erie (2); Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB, Catholic Rural Ministry, Bradford Deanery (6); and John Petulla, executive director, Harborcreek Youth Services, Harborcreek (7). Additional agencies in the diocese: Christ the King Manor, DuBois (8); Saint John XXIII Home, Hermitage (9); Mission of Friendship, Mérida in Yucatán, Mexico (10).

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SERVING PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS

Ball grant seeds new program

The diocesan Family Life Office is offering a new program, *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* (CDSG Divorce Ministry), thanks in part to a grant from the Catholic Charities Ball proceeds. Grant money was used to obtain CDSG books/journals, the DVDs for the program, and supplies needed to begin the ministry at St. Luke Church in Erie. The program encourages healing from divorce. *CDSG Divorce Ministry* meets for this 12-week DVD program from September 7 through

November 30, 2016. It involves large group viewing of the DVD, journaling, and group sharing. The program will be offered again beginning in February of 2017 in Erie. If successful, this program will be offered at least two times each year. Hopes are to expand the program to other areas of the diocese in the future. For more information contact Christine Hess, director of the Family Life Office, chess@ErieRCD.org or 814/824-1261.

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