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## CALENDAR

**September 2:**  
**IRISH FESTIVAL MASS.**  
9:30 a.m. at the Terrace Stage in Crown Center Square, located at 25th and Grand, Kansas City, MO.  
  
Kansas City area bishops concelebrate Mass with the help of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas at Kansas City's largest outdoor Mass. Bleachers and chairs are provided, but feel free to bring your lawn chair and blanket to sit in the grass.

**October 6:**  
**CYP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY.**  
  
Join the Committee of Young Patrons in a volunteer project at TurnStyles thrift store as they support the mission of Catholic Charities to put love into action and provide help, hospitality and hope to our neighbors in need. Check the CYP events calendar at [www.catholiccharitiesks.org/cypevents](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org/cypevents) for more information.

**December 17 – 19:**  
**CATHOLIC CHARITIES TOY STORE.**  
Located at 2220 Central Avenue, Kansas City, KS.  
  
Catholic Charities is collecting new toys and children's winter clothing for its annual Toy Store. We invite you and your family, community group and Parish to collect items that will be offered to parents who cannot afford Christmas gifts for their children. For many, these gifts will be the only ones they will receive all year. Nearly 500 children received gifts from the Toy Store last year. Help make this upcoming holiday season a joyful one by dropping off donations from December 10 – 14 at 2220 Central Avenue, Kansas City, KS. For more information, contact 913.621.1504 x1128.

**January 19:**  
**39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SNOW BALL.**  
6 p.m. to midnight at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center Exhibition Hall, Kansas City, MO.  
  
Join us for a black tie gala with a cocktail reception and formal dinner, followed by dancing. Proceeds from the event help provide the most basic needs, such as food and utilities, to children and families in our community. Reserve your seats or table by visiting [www.catholiccharitiessnowball.org](http://www.catholiccharitiessnowball.org) or contacting 913.433.2046 or [snowball@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:snowball@catholiccharitiesks.org).



## Shalom House | WYANDOTTE COUNTY'S ONLY HOMELESS SHELTER FOR MEN

**01** Every night, up to twenty-five men find shelter, food and fellowship under the roof of Shalom House, Wyandotte County's only homeless shelter for men. Men of all faiths are welcomed at Shalom House, and for no cost, they are provided with services including a safe place to sleep, dinner and breakfast, a shower, laundry, clothes, referrals for medical and employment assistance and the companionship and support of people who care about each guest's life and future. Guests are encouraged to access community resources that will help them develop a plan to return to self-sufficiency.

*Volunteers lent a hand to many programs during the Committee of Young Patrons Volunteer Days in June. This group served dinner to the men at Shalom House.*

Members of the Committee of Young Patrons serve dinner at Shalom House on the first Friday of every month. Earlier this month, CYP got even more engaged with Shalom House by presenting **"Street Views: Finding Hope in Homelessness," a photo exhibit for August's First Fridays in the Crossroads Art District.** Held at CentricProjects and underwritten by Premier Dermatologic Surgery, this event showcased photos of hope taken by the men of Shalom House as they experience everyday life. To see the featured photographs, visit [www.catholiccharitiesks.org/cyp](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org/cyp).

As appropriate, guests participate in in-depth case management to address systematic issues that led to a state of homelessness.

At the 31st Annual Golf Classic in May, funds were raised through the event's Fund-A-Need to renovate the kitchen and dining area of Shalom House, updating and improving the existing facilities. Gifts totaling nearly \$40,000 will be used to consolidate and update equipment; provide more storage, food preparation and serving space; and install additional seating, tables and computer access.



## AGENCY UPDATE

**Movement To Advance Strategic Vision**  
  
This past spring, a program evaluation took place to measure each of Catholic Charities' programs' impact and financial sustainability. This robust program audit process and subsequent change in program delivery through the agency's 21-county service area was reviewed by Catholic Charities leadership and other non-profit leaders from the community. The Catholic Charities Board of Directors concluded the review process by examining each program's impact against the amount of undesignated agency funds needed to keep it operational.

- Impact factors to evaluate and continue to benchmark programs:**
- Fulfills the Gospel mandate to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the ill and visit the prisoner.
  - Fills the service gap or void in the particular community in which it is offered, or where the organization is viewed as a significant provider by the community.
  - Is a competency of our organization – we have specific expertise in this area and execute our work with excellence.
  - Creates opportunities for the laity and people of good will to share their time and talent through volunteer services.
  - Reaches, or has the potential to reach, people in need in communities throughout the 21 counties of the Archdiocese.

Programs such as La Luz Center for Immigration Legal Assistance, Friendly Visitors and Emergency Assistance will be expanding, along with plans for additional strategic initiatives. St. Benedict's Early Education Center, Parent Child Learning Center, Health Interventions for At-Risk Infants and Counseling will close.  
  
The review process illuminated the agency's core competencies by showcasing areas where the agency consistently had a high impact. One of the agency's strengths has proven to be case management, particularly in the provision of Emergency Assistance. Whenever possible, efforts will be taken to incorporate this case management expertise into other available services.

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Greg Bole, biligual Attorney of La Luz Center for Immigration, provides legal information and advice to a client.

## La Luz

### Bringing “The Light” to Immigrants

**03** Almost all immigration stories are emotional. Greg Bole, an attorney and director of La Luz Center for Immigration Legal Assistance, has witnessed the happy ones and the heartbreaking ones, too.

As a college student in Texas, Bole watched as a young woman was dropped off in his employer’s parking lot after crossing the Mexican border. She didn’t speak English, and she didn’t have anywhere to go. The men who had helped her cross the border had promised her legal working papers in the United States. They had lied.

Back then, Bole didn’t know how to help. Now he has the opportunity to help each and every day.

Since La Luz Center opened in 2010, the **LEGAL CLINIC HAS SERVED MORE THAN 1,526** immigrants and refugees, guiding many on a legal path to citizenship and aiding **42 PEOPLE IN BECOMING NATURAL CITIZENS**. At least **841 CONSULTATIONS WERE PROVIDED AT NO COST TO RECIPIENTS**. Others were offered at an extremely reduced rate.

La Luz – which means “the light” in Spanish – was chosen specifically for the name of the legal clinic, as those in the immigrant community truly feel shut off from the rest of society, Bole explains.

“Anything we can do to make their daily lives better, to bring them light, is extremely important,” he says.

Most recently, one of Bole’s clients, a mother with children in the United States and aging parents back in Mexico, was granted her Green Card. After 19 years, she would finally be able to return home to see her parents ... perhaps for the last time.

“It’s a terrible position for someone to be in,” says Bole. “They want to see their parents before they die, but then they might not be able to get back into the United States to raise their own children. The stakes are always so high.”

The program helps immigrants and refugees with legal issues, such as obtaining Green Cards, work permits and citizenship. Bole is able to handle some cases pro-bono; others he refers to a network of lawyers, including corporate practices and the Catholic Lawyers Guild. In addition to providing direct legal aid, La Luz also helps inform immigrants and refugees of their rights in terms of education, safety, employment and more.

# Emergency Assistance

PROVIDING FRESH, HEALTHY FOOD FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

**02** On a Tuesday morning in June, Kim Brabits, Director of Emergency Assistance in Johnson County for Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, helped pass out fresh produce, meat and dairy products to nearly 600 people, many of them children.

The little ones, who don’t often have fresh fruit and veggies in their diets, popped ripe strawberries into their mouths, savoring each bite.

It’s moments like these that motivated Catholic Charities to launch several new programs this year aimed at delivering aid – whether that be financial assistance, education, clothes and, of course, food – directly to those who need it.

Most recently, Catholic Charities received a bus donated by **Atmos Energy Corporation** that will be used as a **mobile Resource Center**. The plan is to travel throughout at least 17 counties in northeast Kansas, where a case manager will assist

families with money for utilities and rent, along with clothing, food assistance enrollment and food vouchers from local retailers.

“As with all of our Emergency Assistance programs, the theme is to recognize the crisis, alleviate the crisis and work to avoid the crisis in the future,” says Brabits.

One crisis affecting many neighbors in need is a lack of fresh, nutritious foods. Several new programs hope to change that.

Just this spring, Catholic Charities acquired a plot of land in the **Olathe Community Garden**. Volunteers (such as Nina, Ann and Lauren Nelson, in photo at top of front page) have been planting, weeding, watering and harvesting produce to share with families in need.

Catholic Charities has also teamed up with **Leavenworth Federal Prison** to stock food pantries with fresh fruits and vegetables.

Through the prison’s **Therapy and Mentoring Horticulture Program**, minimum-security prisoners cultivate organic produce on a 17-acre plot and share the bounty with area food banks. Last year, the initiative produced over 100,000 pounds of vegetables.



## Catholic Community Hospice

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**04** Catholic Community Hospice has undergone a number of new developments in recent months. Accreditation in the state of Missouri was awarded in January 2012. This accomplishment enables the Hospice staff to better serve Missouri communities and demonstrates a strong commitment to providing quality care through compliance with nationally recognized standards – above and beyond those required by Medicare certification. Hospice already holds a license in Kansas.

In April, Catholic Community Hospice welcomed Judy Walker as its new Executive Director. Walker has been with Hospice for five years, serving as Volunteer Manager and Community Education Specialist. “It is vitally important to me that our community is aware of, and has access to, exceptional faith-based hospice care,” says Walker. “We have assembled a top-notch team of dedicated, compassionate, mission-focused healthcare professionals and are adding new services and therapies to enhance delivery and quality of care.”



Nora Drbal, Music Therapist for Catholic Community Hospice, shares the joy of music with a patient.

Music therapy is one of the services Hospice offers to bring joy to patients. Catholic Community Hospice believes, and research supports, that music offers many benefits for hospice patients. It helps relieve pain and agitation, as well as provides an opportunity for communication and connection with loved ones.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

...about Hospice and the music therapy program, please call 913.621.5090.

Hospice has also received a new logo and brand identity, including using the primary slate gray color used by Catholic Charities and putting a larger emphasis on the church element to reflect the importance of the mission and spiritual foundation of Catholic Community Hospice.





# Emergency Assistance Centers

## FEED

“This is the most basic program that I know of where the results can be seen directly and in a matter of months; it is truly a win-win for all involved,” says Brian Habjan, a volunteer spokesman and donation coordinator for the community portion of the prison’s Therapy and Mentoring Horticulture Garden. “It gives the inmates a sense of accomplishment and they help those in need at the same time.”

In addition to providing families with nutritious food, Catholic Charities is also trying to educate them about its importance – and how to prepare and even grow their own food on a budget.



Catholic Charities has partnered with the **K-State Extension** to offer monthly classes in both the Olathe and Overland Park Emergency Assistance Center locations. Students learn how to make healthy meals out of the food they receive from the pantry, how to meet the needs of picky eaters or those with allergies and also how to plant a small garden in their own backyards.

The **New Roots for Refugees** program is also providing fresh produce to neighbors in need through 10 area farmers’ markets, including a new market at Catholic Charities’ office at 2220 Central Avenue in Kansas City, KS.

Currently, 23 at-risk refugees are farming eight acres of land known as the **Juniper Gardens Training Farm**. The harvested food is then sold at farmers’ markets throughout the Metro, including urban areas where low-income residents can use SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps) to purchase produce and receive a dollar for dollar match on their purchases.

Recently, the New Roots program received a **\$15,000 grant** from the **Kansas Health Foundation** to help fund the urban core farmers’ market on Central Avenue. The grant’s support will help the market facilitate access to healthy food for low-income families in Wyandotte County.

**\* For photos, video and more information about the mobile resource center, go online: [www.catholiccharitiesks.org/bus](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org/bus).**



## In Memoriam

*The Following Are Those Who Have Been Memorialized by Gifts Received Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012\**

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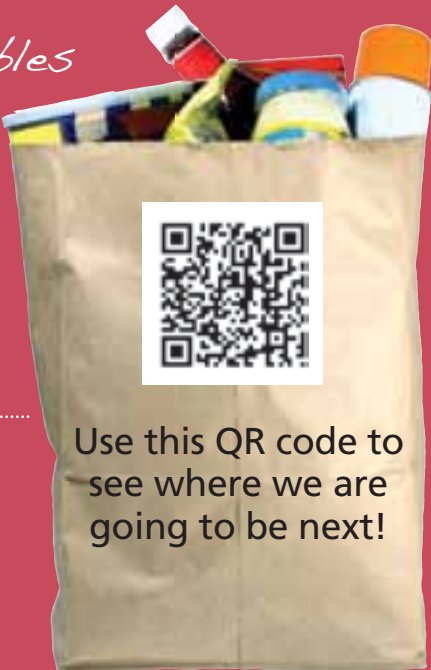
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*This bus, donated by Atmos Energy, will be used as a mobile Resource Center.*

**YOU CAN EASILY GET INVOLVED TO HELP OUR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CENTERS. BY DONATING TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES AT ONE OF OUR LOCAL FOOD DRIVES (SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUR NEXT DRIVE!) OR DIRECTLY TO A FOOD PANTRY, YOU CAN HELP PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE OF A NEIGHBOR IN NEED. ITEMS WE ALWAYS NEED INCLUDE:**

- \* *Canned fruit and vegetables*
- \* *Rice*
- \* *Pasta and pasta sauce*
- \* *Microwarable meals*
- \* *Personal hygiene products*
- \* *Diapers*



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...is also a great way to get involved. Please contact Mary Kay Drees in the Volunteer Department at 913.433.2080 if any of the following opportunities interest you.

- \* **Stocking and organizing shelves and filling orders in the food pantry**
- \* **Serving as a receptionist at the front desk of an Emergency Assistance Center**
- \* **Helping with food drives on Saturdays**
- \* **Tending to our plot in the Olathe Community Garden**

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AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD....

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Year after year, humble individuals seek our help for food and basic survival needs. In order to continue to meet the increasing needs of our neighbors, we have launched Leadership Giving families:

- \* **First Fruits:** Annual pledge between \$1,200 and \$4,999
- \* **Table of Plenty:** Annual pledge between \$5,000 and \$1,000,000 or more
- \* **Salt of the Earth:** Including Catholic Charities in one’s estate plans

TO LEARN MORE

...about our Leadership Giving families, call 913.433.2035 or visit the website at [www.catholiccharitiesks.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org).

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|-----|------|--|
| 65  | 4.7% | \$470  |
| 75  | 5.8% | \$580  |
| 85  | 7.8% | \$780  |
| 90+ | 9.0% | \$900  |

FOR MORE INFORMATION

... on how you can give a gift to Catholic Charities and receive fixed income payments for the rest of your life, please call 913.433.2035 or email [info@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:info@catholiccharitiesks.org). We will be happy to provide to you at no cost or obligation a charitable gift annuity guide and a sample proposal for your personal needs.

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Golfers, volunteers and supporters enjoyed a beautiful day on May 14th, 2012, at Lake Quivira for the **Ben and Betty Zarda Family 31st Annual Golf Classic** to support the mission of Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas. Sponsors, donors, committee members and 144 golfers **raised more than \$155,000** for Catholic Charities programs. Thank you to everyone who participated!



**golf classic**  
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