



Upcoming Events

- * Faithful Citizenship**
 St. Ann-Bartlett
 September 20, 7pm-9pm
 Contact Chrisitne.Hash@acc.cdom.org or (901) 722-4759
- * Aspire – Raise the Ruff (Young Adults)**
 Memphis Animal Services;
 2350 Appling Cove
 September 27, 6pm-7pm
 Contact Chrisitne.Hash@acc.cdom.org or (901) 722-4759
- * Bishop Holley Installation**
 Cook Convention Center
 October 19, 2pm
- * Parish Social Ministry Networking Event**
 St. Louis Church
 October 22
 Contact Therese.Gustaitis@acc.cdom.org or (901) 722-4794
- * Welcome Home – Family Christmas Concert**
 Germantown Performing Arts Center (GPAC)
 December 4, 2pm and 6pm
- * Volunteer Saturday (Family Event)**
 1325 Jefferson Ave
 December 17, 9am
 Contact Lucie.johnson@acc.cdom.org or (901)722-4797
- * Gifts for God's Children Distribution**
 1325 Jefferson Ave
 December 20 and 21
 Contact Lucie.johnson@acc.cdom.org or (901) 722-4797

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We are making an investment in the future. Would you like to help?

Each year Catholic Charities of West Tennessee hosts student interns from the Education That Works Program at Memphis Catholic School. High school students attend classes at school four days and work in the business world one day of every week. During the students' 2016 summer break we met with school staff where we learned that the missing piece is in the area of the soft skills: communication, adaptability, initiative, time management, etc. Our response is an internship that facilitates practicing these soft skills necessary for success in today's workplace. The internship is self-paced with ongoing self and staff evaluation.



New this year- 60% of the student hours with us will now be spent interacting with agency leaders: talking with them, shadowing them, suggesting new ideas or attending meetings. During the remaining 40% of the hours staff can reserve the students for projects.

Here are two ways that you can invest in their future:

- Treat a student to lunch here at the agency and provide an opportunity to practice the soft skills.
- Support this project financially; this type of learning is labor intensive and not covered by other funding sources.

This investment will pay off!

2016-17 student interns are off to a wonderful start.



Alexis Cantrell



José Martinez



Jeremiah Burwell



Jalen Keller

Catholic Charities of West Tennessee is Pleased to Welcome Three New Members to its Board of Directors.



Amy Clunan is Director, Managing Corporate Attorney for AutoZone. She, her husband and son live in Collierville and attend St. Louis Catholic Church.



Deacon Phil Moore is retired from International Paper and was recently ordained as a Permanent Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis and has been assigned to St. Brigid Parish. Deacon Phil and his wife Shona live in Germantown.



Justin M. Reed is a Vice President with Sun Trust Bank. Justin, his wife Erica, and two children, Jackson (three) and Jordan (two) live in Memphis.

Volunteer Saturdays

Volunteer Saturdays are a great way to get involved with CCWTN. We host family friendly service opportunities four times a year from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Locations vary. Contact Lucie Johnson at 901-722-4797 or lucie.johnson@acc.cdom.org for more information.

2016 Dates:
December 17

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WISH LIST

We have an extra special need for the following items:

1. Men's clothing and shoes
2. Baby diapers - especially sizes 3-5
3. New socks and underwear in all sizes
4. Women's plus sizes

For more information on the needs of our Clothes Closet, contact Lucie Johnson at 901-722-4797.

A Call for Volunteers! Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Getting your taxes prepared and saving money are not words you normally hear in the same sentence. Would you like to volunteer to help make this possible for those who need assistance? You will receive training (no finance experience needed) and will be joining a great team of volunteers, making a difference in Memphis. Catholic Charities of West Tennessee has partnered with United Way to provide free tax preparation services to low income tax payers from February through mid-April.

To learn more or RSVP for a Volunteer Orientation contact:
Chris Butson at 901-722-4730 or Chris.butson@acc.cdom.org



Updated Designs for Camp Love & Learn Notecards!

This summer, campers and junior volunteers from our Camp Love & Learn program created beautiful artwork that has been printed onto notecards. Pictured here are the 6 new designs; three depicting Memphis landmarks along with three new Christmas designs. New this year- every Christmas card has a message inside. Each note card tells a story on the back cover about the camper / artist who created the artwork.



Cards are available for purchase at Catholic Charities of West Tennessee offices during normal business hours or by calling Christine Hash at (901) 722-4759. As always, all proceeds from the sale of Notecards go directly to Camp Love & Learn.

EVENT OVERVIEW

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

An Element of the Mayor's Action Plan to End Homelessness

Thursday, October 20, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Memphis Cook Convention Center

#SERVE BECAUSE WE CARE!

led by
Community Alliance for the Homeless, Inc.

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT is a city-wide effort to provide a wealth of necessary services to our city's most vulnerable citizens! In one day...under one roof, individuals who are experiencing homelessness can take advantage of vital resources and services that could otherwise take months to secure. With the generosity and compassion that the residents of Memphis and Shelby County are known for, city agencies, service providers, community partners and volunteers join forces to offer a community response to a community issue. **We serve because we care!**

SOME RESOURCES & SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Health Evaluation
- Housing Counseling
- Veterans Benefits
- Legal Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Services
- Dental Evaluation
- Housing Referrals
- HIV/AIDS Testing
- Donated Goods
- Social Security Services
- Medicaid/Food Stamps
- Vision Screenings
- Employment Services
- HIV/AIDS Support
- Haircare
- City of Memphis ID
- Other Benefits

Registration is required. Volunteers who serve on event day must be age 18 and above; however, there are volunteer opportunities (setup, care bag assembly, etc.) for those who do not meet the age requirement prior to October 20th. Each volunteer is required to attend a training session.

You can help. Please consider a donation of socks (adult sizes), blankets, toothbrushes, travel-sized grooming products, winter caps or scarves, gloves, or bottled water.

For more information, contact Herman Dickey at (901) 527-1302, or via e-mail at herman@cah.org

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Community Alliance for the Homeless, Inc. leads effective community practices to end homelessness in Memphis and Shelby County.



Welcoming the Stranger

An Appreciation: It has been announced that Pope Francis accepted Bishop J. Terry Steib's letter of retirement and we will soon welcome a new Bishop to West Tennessee (see box below). In every sense of the phrase, this is a mixed blessing for CCWTN. While thrilled for Bishop Terry, as he can now move on to the next phase of his ministry, and excited for the opportunity to work with Bishop Holley, it also brings to a close a collaboration that was personally and organizationally wonderful.

Bishop Terry has been many things to us here at CCWTN: Teacher, Boss, Collaborator & Friend. Little known was his habit to spend most Friday mornings with us in our offices – so we know him well.

He was also a very good sport, and always said yes when asked to help with something to benefit the agency – even if it was a bit outside the box. To that end, he has painted a picture, arranged flowers, sat with Santa, passed out gifts and sung on stage.

Our friend John Angotti has a song entitled ***There's a Presence in this Place***. Well, Bishop Terry, your presence will remain in our place!

Felix episcopus Terry secessu !

Michael D. Allen, President/CEO



Greetings BISHOP HOLLEY!

We welcome you to West Tennessee and look forward to working with you.

Christmas IS...

A FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT BENEFITING THE PROGRAMS OF

featuring **JOHN ANGOTTI**

Special Guest **AUDREY ASSAD**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
TWO PERFORMANCES!

Family Friendly Matinee @ 2:00p.m.
Evening Performance @ 6:00 p.m.

AT DUNCAN WILLIAMS PERFORMANCE HALL AT GPAC

DUNCAN-WILLIAMS PERFORMANCE HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH



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Save the date –
 December 4th!

Our New Reading Nook



On July 25, 2016 two groups from Nashville, IL (St. Ann's Catholic Church and Grace United Methodist Church) traveled to Memphis and spent a week of service with us. Ramps were built to make accepting/distributing donations easier; the gym is now ready for Gifts for God's Children and the new racks are hung in the Clothes Closet.

What is most impressive is the Noah's Ark themed mural the group painted for the Children's Reading Corner in our lobby. It took the whole week to complete the mural which contains 22 different pairs of animals, 53 daisies (one which only has 4 petals instead of five) and the names of staff and volunteers hidden throughout. How wonderful it is to see the smiles on the children's faces while they are enjoying a good book and a beautiful artwork! We are truly blessed.

We would like to thank the following organizations for their generosity & support:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee
- The Canale Foundation
- SunTrust Foundation
- Kemmons Wilson Family Foundation
- FedEx Services
- Knights of Columbus Council-Germantown
- Cathryn Hillstrom Davidson and Helen Hillstrom Hunter Advisor Fund
- The Estate of Vlasta R. Fedinec



Mission Statement: Following the teachings of Jesus Christ, we provide help to those facing chronic poverty and bring hope through intervention, counseling and case management.

Service Overview: Catholic Charities of West Tennessee serves people regardless of religious beliefs, socioeconomic status or ethnic background. Catholic Charities is not just for the Catholic community, it is from the Catholic community.



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Catholic Charities of West Tennessee is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your donations are deductible as allowed by law.