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November 2011

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I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life that both you and your descendants may live. Deuteronomy 30:19

HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES RECEIVE THIS \$25,000 GRANT!

The screenshot shows the EMC 100 Ways of Giving website. At the top, it says 'COUNT ON EMC' and 'EMC Insurance Companies'. Below that, it lists 'EMC's 100 WAYS OF GIVING' and 'Return to Nonprofit Profile'. A central box highlights 'Catholic Charities, Inc.' as a nominee, with details: 'Nominating Insurance Agency: Michael Smith of Smith Insurance Agency, Brookhaven, MS'. A large graphic says 'EMC's 100 Ways of Giving TO GIVE AWAY \$200,000'. A button says 'Vote For This Organization' with '86 voting days left (vote daily)'. Below, it asks 'What would Catholic Charities, Inc. do with \$25,000?' and provides details about the grant's use for domestic violence services. An 'EMC Facts' section at the bottom states that with EMC, you know you're receiving the best value for your dollar with competitive rates, comprehensive coverage, and added value of convenience, service and stability.

You can cast one vote per day for your favorite nonprofit from July 1 through Oct. 8. At the end of 100 days, the four nonprofit organizations with the highest combined scores from public votes and the EMC Insurance Foundation will each receive a \$25,000 grant.

Use this link to vote for Catholic Charities, Inc.

<http://www.countonemc.com/give/charity.asp?charity=3>

Nominating Insurance Agency

Michael Smith of Smith Insurance Agency, Brookhaven, MS

TRY-Leaders in addressing Traumatic Stress Nationwide

Abuse in the home. A major car accident. Witnessing a shooting in the neighborhood. Experiencing Hurricane Katrina. More than one in four youth in Mississippi experience a traumatic event by the age of 16, and are at subsequent risk of developing child traumatic stress. Traumatic stress can interfere with children's ability to concentrate and learn, and can seriously delay development of their brains and bodies. It can lead to depression, substance abuse, other mental health problems, educational impairment, acting out, and future employment problems. It can change how children view the world and their own futures, and it can change their behavior, interests, and relationships with family and friends. It can take a toll on a family. Child traumatic stress is most effectively treated by specific therapies.



Members of the Trauma Recovery for Youth Project and Solomon Counseling Center at a recent training event at St. Richard Catholic Church, Jackson MS. Pictured here are (L-R) Jennifer Sigrest, Evaluation Coordinator; Ashley Perkins, Therapist; Valerie McClellan, Director-Solomon Counseling Center; Kelly Wilson, Director-Trauma Recovery for Youth Project

In 2001, The Donald J. Cohen National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative was established to improve access to care, treatment, and services for children and adolescents exposed to traumatic events and to encourage and promote collaboration between service providers in the field, through a series of grants totaling more than \$30 million. Grants were awarded by the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to establish the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN). **Catholic Charities, Inc. of Jackson, MS established the Trauma Recovery for Youth Project (TRY) as a member site of the NCTSN in 2003.**

One of the leaders in addressing child traumatic stress in Mississippi, TRY has worked to institute a trauma-informed system of care—focusing on providers serving youth and families who are underserved or are least likely to have access to quality, trauma-informed care. In addition to raising awareness and providing presentations on the effects of trauma, TRY is providing training and implementation coaching in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT); and a group model, Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS). Spanning the entire state, TRY has trained over 200 therapists in these evidence-based, trauma-specific treatments. Therapists trained by TRY predominantly serve the public through Mississippi's Community Mental Health Centers. Being a part of providing this sector of Mississippi's population with cutting edge, highly effective mental health treatment has been one of the great successes of TRY. **Collectively, all trained sites will comprise a coverage area encompassing 61 of Mississippi's 82 counties—approximately 84% of the state's population.**

Not only does TRY prepare others to work with those affected by disaster, they provide direct assistance as well. Members of TRY are trained in Psychological First Aid, an intervention designed to help children, adolescents, and adults in the immediate aftermath of a disaster or terrorism. They have deployed following several local and statewide events—including the April 2010 tornadoes in Mississippi—and have provided onsite mental health consultation to affected Community Mental Health Centers. TRY's expertise in the field of traumatic stress has made them an invaluable resource for the State of Mississippi during times of crisis.

TRY provides direct services through the Solomon Counseling Center, a trauma-informed outpatient mental health counseling center at Catholic Charities of Jackson. The Solomon Counseling Center provides mental health treatment to adults, children, couples, and returning military in the Jackson, MS metro area through a variety of therapeutic techniques, and is trusted by many local organizations as a referral for care following exposure to a traumatic event. TRY and the Solomon Counseling Center have also worked with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi to provide skill-building groups to adolescents. Due to the positive feedback from participants and parents, future groups are being planned at other clubs.

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TRY-Leaders

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Over one million children and family members face challenges that come with a parent's wartime deployment. TRY was one of a handful of programs in the country to be given the opportunity to assist returning military and their families with deployment transitions through the FOCUS Project (Families OverComing Under Stress) at various military bases around the world. Soldiers and their families at the Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport MS (SeaBees) received help in honing interfamilial communication and resiliency skills, and addressing concerns related to parental combat operational stress injuries and combat-related physical injuries through the FOCUS Project, a service initiated by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED).

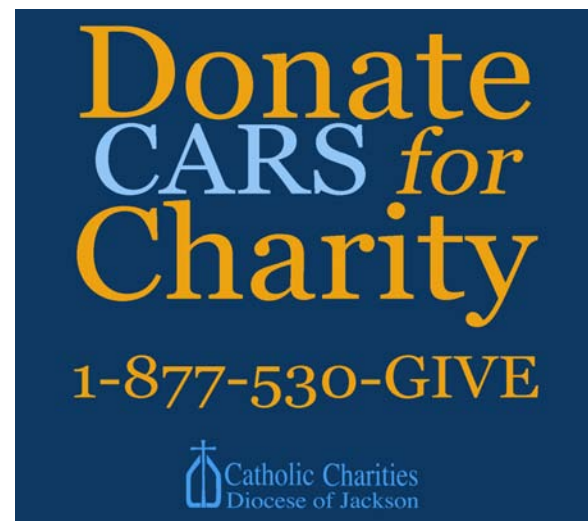
For more information about the Trauma Recovery for Youth Project and/or Solomon Counseling Center, please contact Ben Garrott at (601) 326-3774 or ben.garrott@ccjackson.org



NATCHEZ - The Guardian Shelter for Battered Families hosted the Journey of Hope Luncheon on Friday, July 15, at the Natchez Community Center. Guest speaker of this event was Ms. Suzette Breland, an inspiring attorney from Ocean Springs, MS, who told her story of survival from domestic violence. Proceeds from this event will assist in the services of domestic violence survivors at The Guardian Shelter for Battered Families. With 125 people in attendance, the event raised approximately \$19,931.00 in donations and pledges.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT...

Another way to help. Not all donations have to be in cash. If you have an old automobile that is just taking up space donate it to Catholic Charities. All funds from this program go to support programs at Catholic Charities. Please support us in our efforts.



HHR COMCAST CARES

Hope Haven Adolescent Crisis Center once again partnered with Comcast in celebration of their yearly community service event, "Comcast Cares". For the second year in a row, the staff of Comcast and the staff of Hope Haven Adolescent Crisis Center, as well as numerous community volunteers, descended upon Hope Haven to complete some much needed repairs and "Spring Sprucing".

This year, Comcast employees raised enough funds to provide Hope Haven with a new commercial stove to replace the broken one the program had been using since the day its doors opened! These funds were raised by allowing Comcast employees to donate money for special "dress down" Fridays at work. Comcast also provided enough hygiene kits and supplies to Hope Haven to ensure that the next one hundred children served by our program will be provided with their own toothbrush, shampoo, soap, and their own deck of playing cards (They were informed that Hope Haven staff like their children to be discharged knowing a mean game of Spades).

Held on April 29th and 30th this year, Comcast was able to provide Hope Haven with their own summer garden which included tomatoes, beans, squash, watermelon, peppers and onions. The first harvest of cherry tomatoes was enjoyed by our kids here last week! Hope Haven is eternally grateful for all the support the community provides, but being the recipient of "Comcast Cares" for the past two years is one reason we are able to complete our yearly "refurbishing" without using personal funds. We can't thank them enough for their continued support and thoughtfulness!

*Dear Catholic Charities,
I lived at Hope Haven Residential a few years ago. I am currently in the Navy Reserves, and preparing for Graduate School. I want to thank you guys for accepting me and giving me a safe home to reside. I just want to give thanks to you for helping me during my journey. Continue to help and leave a lasting impression on youth in the Community. Thank you and with Ardor, John Andrews*

(With this note, was an invitation to his college graduation.)



THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO **ROGER VINCENT**, A LOYAL AND DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL SERVING CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR MANY YEARS.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

My goodness it's been a busy time at Catholic Charities! Thanks to your support we hosted the largest ever Journey of Hope Luncheon in our history in January. Then, we were the beneficiary of the proceeds from the River Hills USTA Tennis Tournament in April. This

wonderful event introduced Catholic Charities to over 900 new supporters! Finally, we just hosted the largest Bishop's Ball ever in honor of Sr. Dorothea Sondgeroth and the Dominican Sisters who are celebrating 65 years of ministry in the Diocese of Jackson. That's just the fundraising side of the agency.

We have been just as busy serving the needs of the poor and vulnerable in our Diocese. In April, we responded to two tornado disasters in Clinton and Jackson, and in northeast Mississippi. During May and June we have been responding to the Mississippi River and Yazoo River flooding. You'll read more about that in this newsletter. Other services have been just as full. Solomon Counseling is providing healing for more individuals and families than ever before. Domestic Violence services are running at capacity as are so many of our programs. We could not do it all without your support!

The Church just celebrated Pentecost and we remembered the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As those gifts are many and diverse, so are the ministries of Catholic Charities. When you support Catholic Charities, you are acting with the Body of Christ to bring hope, healing and help to many persons in need. We are so grateful for your help and pray for you constantly! Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers.

Truly yours,

Greg Patin

2011 Bishop's Ball honoring The Dominican Sisters with the Samaritan Award.

A record number attended to support Catholic Charities.

"Something Special" from the Jackson Seven



Bishop's Ball



2011 USTA Women's Tennis \$25,000 Challenger Sponsored by St. Dominic benefitting Catholic Charities
Over 450 people attended this event to support our programs.