Catholic Charities
Mission Statement

Proclaim Christ’s Gospel of Life and promote human dignity by alleviating poverty and strengthening individuals and families.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

In 2017, our 1500 volunteers helped us make a difference!

At our Warming Centers and Sojourner House you helped to provide shelter to 934 individuals for a combined 25,217 nights.

At our Franciscan Hospitality House 530 of our homeless brothers and sisters found a place of respite and hospitality.

Your contribution is priceless! You bring not only your service, but a quality of presence that cannot be matched.

Thank You!

My Co-Ministers,

Spring unfolded slowly but it always brings a burst of color and new life. This new life is evident not only in nature, but also in each one of us as the days of sunshine lifts our spirits.

Catholic Charities like the ebb and flow of the seasons has witnessed the joys of new volunteers and staff, as well as sadness when some move on. It can be a time of nurturing and growth if we allow it to be.

The Volunteer Program has gone through a lot of transition and many changes. But one thing remains constant, that is the dedication and passion of the volunteers. Each of you has weathered the changes, walked through the transitions and together I believe we are renewed.

Thank you for journeying with me as we spread God’s Gospel of Life to those we meet.

With Gratitude,
Sr. Laurie Sullivan, fspa
Volunteer Coordinator

What’s New...

Vicnet gives volunteers online access so they can check their schedules, sign-up for openings, update their profile information, read the latest volunteer newsletter, post volunteer hours, and receive messages from their volunteer site -- all from any Internet-connected computer.

Those who have begun to use Vicnet have commented how user-friendly the application is. Others who volunteer in multiple locations appreciate being able to see when they are scheduled and also having the ability to sign up for additional hours without needing to go to their volunteer site.

If you would like to begin using Vicnet or have not received the instructions, please contact Sr. Laurie Sullivan, Volunteer Coordinator at (608)519-8043 or at lsullivan@cclse.org.

If you don’t believe one person can make a difference, you have never been in bed with a mosquito. ~ Anita Roddick

Visit us at www.cclse.org
Call us at 888.212.4357

Sr. Laurie Sullivan, Volunteer Coordinator - 608-519-8043
Recruiting You! Our Volunteers!

Debra Heath has been volunteering at Sojourner House for eight years. She is surprised at the number of people who need these services and feels there is a need for more facilities in the city, especially in the winter months. She would tell people not to be afraid or hesitant to volunteer as it is a safe environment and the majority of people who come are extremely grateful for a hot meal and a warm place to sleep. Every time she has volunteered someone thanks her for helping and she feels that she has made a difference in at least one person’s life, if only for a few minutes. A person who has influenced her the most was a gentleman who shared that he had a very good paying construction job and hurt his back while on the job. Under medical attention he got addicted to prescription pain killers. He is now a drug addict and works part-time but cannot support himself. Debra is grateful for all the blessings that she has in her life and the rewarding volunteer experience.

Corinna Meyer has been volunteering with the Wausau Warming Center for two years. She has been surprised the most by how she first thought that she would like volunteering, but was not prepared to love it as much as she does. There have been two particular guests at the Center who have made a positive influence in her life. She would tell potential volunteers about what a fantastic program it is and that these services do make a difference and the people you meet are unforgettable.

Marsha Kurth has volunteered at the La Crosse Warming Center for two years. She is surprised how great the need is, and how many different individuals of many faiths are working together to address the needs. A former guest of the Center who now volunteers has influenced her the most.

Pamela Frary has volunteered at the Wausau Warming Center for 10 years. She has been influenced by people who are kind and thoughtful, with ability to set limits when possible. Quiet leadership and people who when asked, do not hesitate, but just volunteer as they can. The most surprising about volunteering with Catholic Charities has been seeing the community come together with excellent team work and good leaders.

Recognizing You! Our Volunteers!

If you or someone you know volunteers with us, please email the volunteer coordinator with your highlights. Let us recognize your contribution and gifts. Email to lsullivan@cclse.org.

Volunteer Highlights

If you have volunteered for a while, your contact information may need updating. Those using Vicnet, please verify your information on the profile tab and update it as needed. If you do not use Vicnet, please contact Sr. Laurie at lsullivan@cclse.org with your updated information.

Trivia Giveaway

What do you know about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse?

Answer to March’s Trivia Question:

In 2015, Catholic Charities and the Sisters collaboratively joined together to create the Franciscan Hospitality House in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

May’s Trivia Question:

In 1982, Catholic Charities named its first lay director. What was the person’s name?