Catholic Charities Mission Statement

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

Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. Walking with honesty, courage, love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation, prayers of thankfulness for friends and good times, asking God’s help in all your decisions, expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you talk with God every day.

~ Author unknown

My Co-Ministers

Sunshine, the laughter of children playing outdoors, picnics, camping, strolls in the park, all of these speak to me of summer. It is this season of the year that I would rather be outside than anywhere else. It provides an opportunity to connect with not only nature but also the people who I have missed throughout our cold and snowy Midwest winters.

At Catholic Charities, the summer months offer moments to step back and recognize all that has been done not only by the staff but the many volunteers who share the mission. It provides time to thank people like you who give so willingly of your time.

But it doesn’t take an event to be grateful. You have blessed us in many ways. On behalf of not only myself but also your supervisors and the people we serve, I want to express that gratitude now and every day.

With Gratitude,
Sr. Laurie Sullivan, fspa
Volunteer Coordinator

Paddling for a Greater Cause

Catholic Charities always knew it had amazing volunteers. We have benefited from their dedication and compassion for years. But our volunteers and the good that they do go way beyond our four walls.

The final race was close! Pam Kurisch, a Catholic Charities volunteer, and her team were paddling to beat the competition. But in reality, the competition was not the other boat, but breast cancer. The Boat Race and Pam’s greatest desire is to help breast cancer survivors.

Proceeds from the Big Blue Dragon Boat Race helps to provide a much-needed financial resource for those without the means to journey what could be their toughest journey ever, breast cancer survival.

Second Chances Thrift Store in Loyal, Wisconsin is OPEN! Proceeds from this store support Catholic Charities House of Mercy, a Beyond Shelter Program for women and children. The store is in need of volunteers. If you have some free time and would like to be a part of this mission, please call & leave a message at 715-503-1005.

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

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

Jennifer Porath has volunteered at the Wausau Warming Center for three years. She is most surprised by how much need there is as she was unaware of the needs in the community until she started volunteering. She has been influenced the most by the guests that have been able to get jobs and find homes. She says it is fantastic to see them succeed.

Mary Frohnauer has volunteered at the La Crosse Warming Center for three years. She wished people knew about the variety of services Catholic Charities offers. She has been influenced by the people who stay at the Center who arrive late or leave early because of their jobs.

James Miller has volunteered at the Franciscan Hospitality House for three years and the LaCrosse Warming Center for four years. He wished people knew that there is a desperate need for help. He says his wife has influenced him the most. She has volunteered at the local animal rescue for years. He would share with someone thinking of volunteering that you feel a sense of warmth when volunteering.

Molly Morris has volunteered at the Wausau Warming Center for five years. She is most surprised by the sheer volume of need in the community. She wished other people knew about the list of service Catholic Charities provides to those in need in the community. When friends and family find out about her volunteering, they usually have questions and concerns regarding mental illness and drug/alcohol use and the potential toxicity of the environment. She tells people who are thinking of volunteering to Do It! There is no better feeling than that of selfless giving.

Sheila Campos has volunteered at the LaCrosse Warming Center for a year. She is surprised how the volunteers all come from literally all walks of life; even some guests who stay at the center help with dishes and chores. She wished people knew that you don’t have to be Catholic to volunteer with Catholic Charities and make a difference. Jesus has been the person who has influenced her the most. He led by example on how to love and serve others.