



# Catholic Charities Connections

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A Quarterly Newsletter from Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo

**We are God's hands providing housing, health, and hope to His children.**

***Thank you to all who made our 2024 Mission Possible  
Fundraising Breakfast a success!***

What an inspiring morning that brought together the community's most dedicated supporters to learn about the future vision of Catholic Charities in creating community centers placed throughout Southwest Michigan, hear from clients whose lives have been impacted by the agency and honor past, present and future donors.

***The event raised over \$50,000 for  
Catholic Charities programs and services!***

If you were unable to join us, please consider becoming a partner and making the mission possible. Our mission continues each and every day as we serve those in need in our nine-county service area.

Visit [www.ccdok.org/mission-possible/](http://www.ccdok.org/mission-possible/)  
today and make your pledge!



## Our Locations:

### **Administration**

1819 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

### **Caring Network/Bridges**

1441 S. Westnedge  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

### **Ark Services**

990 W. Kilgore  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

### **Catholic Community Center**

346 Catalpa  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

### **Bread of Life Food Distribution Center**

551 Romence Road  
Portage, MI 49024

### **Baraga Manor**

301 Washington Street  
Otsego, MI 49078

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Zhang Financial a well-known committed and compassionate advocate for community support and development, is proud to announce a donation of \$30,000 to the Bread of Life Food Program, which is operated by Catholic Charities. The Bread of Life Food Program is helping to combat food insecurity in local communities across 9 counties. Last year, this vital program provided food to 24,000 individuals, reflecting its crucial role in Southwest Michigan.

This generous contribution from Zhang Financial underscores its ongoing commitment to fostering community well-being and supporting those in need. The funds will be utilized to enhance food distribution efforts, ensuring that more families have access to nutritious meals.

***"We are thrilled to support this impactful food program that plays an essential role in our communities,"*** said Lynn Chen- Zhang, CEO of Zhang Financial. ***"With food insecurity affecting so many, it is our duty and privilege to contribute to the welfare of our neighbors. We believe that no one should go hungry, and we are committed to making a positive difference."***

The Bread of Life food program has been a lifeline for countless families, providing much-needed relief and stability. With this donation, the program aims to expand its reach, improving food access for even more families across the nine counties of Southwest Michigan.

***"The support from Zhang Financial comes at a critical time,"*** said Toni Newell, Executive Director of Catholic Charities which operates the Bread of Life Food Program. ***"Their generous donation will help us continue to provide essential services to the communities throughout Southwest Michigan. Furthermore, it will have a direct immediate economic impact, immediately assisting the lives of families struggling with the hopelessness of food insecurity"***.

Zhang Financial has a long history of community involvement, with similar initiatives spanning education, health, and social services. This latest donation is a testament to their dedication to supporting and uplifting our local communities.

**For more information about the Bread of Life Food Program or to find out how you can get involved, please visit [www.ccdok.org](http://www.ccdok.org) or contact Catholic Charities at 269-381-9800.**

# Upcoming Events

## St. Monica Knights of Columbus Council 12298 Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, July 14 - following the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses

Please join St. Monica Knights of Columbus Council 12298, Kalamazoo, at their next breakfast fundraiser. Sunday, July 14, in the Community Building following the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses.

The net proceeds will go to support **Caring Network**. Caring Network serves hundreds of pregnant and parenting teens and women and their families each year.

**All of its services are FREE.**

Caring Network works with families to reduce infant mortality risk factors, ensure healthy pregnancies, encourage healthy child development, and build strong parenting skills.

Its goal is to help women choose life for their baby, deliver a healthy baby, and assist parents in providing for both themselves and their child.

## The Catholic Community Center will hold its annual community picnic on Saturday, August 24th 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

346 Catalpa  
Benton Harbor, MI



Save the Date  
Friday, December 6, 2024

We have started planning for this year's  
St. Nicholas Raffle Fundraising Event!

If you'd like to be sponsor or donate an item for the raffle,  
please visit [www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/](http://www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/),  
email [info@ccdok.org](mailto:info@ccdok.org) or call (269) 381-9800



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[Please check out our YouTube Video highlighting the Caring Network Program](#)



## Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo



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## 2023 Annual Report



*Dedicated to serving those in need in all nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo.*