Gifts for God’s Children, our annual Christmas-time campaign, benefits at-risk youth and seniors by working with local schools, parishes, individuals, and businesses to provide these youth and seniors with food and gifts. We are asking for YOUR help to make the 2017 campaign the biggest and best Gifts for God’s Children campaign ever! Wondering how you can help? There are numerous ways for you and your family to be involved, from bringing toys or gifts to our office to adopting a family or individual. You can also give of your time by volunteering with us to organize and distribute gifts. Check out our wish lists below! You can also order online from our Amazon wish list and your donation will be delivered directly to us!

**Give a gift:**

**GIFTS:**
- Gift cards*
- Movie Theater passes
- Bikes & Helmets
- Headphones
- Toy cars & trucks
- Stuffed animals
- Board games
- Christmas stockings & stuffers
- Balls (basketball, etc.)
- Transformers

**CLOTHING:**
- Winter hats
- Gloves
- Warm winter clothing
- Pajamas for children and adults
- Socks
- Plus sized men’s clothes

**SENIORS’ BASKETS:**
- Combs, brushes
- Toiletries
- Lotions, perfumes
- Robes
- Throws/Blankets
- Socks
- Gloves
- Books of stamps
- Alarm clocks/watches

* To stores, like Target or Walmart, restaurants, like Subway or McDonald's, or pre-paid cards, like a Simon gift card
** Please do not wrap toys and gifts.

**Give your time:**

- Host a donation drive!
- Pick up gifts and deliver to Catholic Charities!
- Sort gifts at Catholic Charities!
- Shop and complete a list!
- Hand out gifts during our Distribution Days!

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**For more information, or to adopt a family, senior, or individual child, please contact:**

- Lucie Johnson, **Supportive Services**, at lucie.johnson@acc.cdom.org or 901.722.4797
- Therese Gustaitis, **Parish Social Ministry**, at therese.gustaitis@acc.cdom.org or 901.722.4294
- Christine Hash, **Community Engagement**, at Christine.hash@acc.cdom.org or 901.722.4759
Meet our Interns! Making an investment in the future of Memphis!

Every year, Catholic Charities of West Tennessee works with Memphis Catholic High School and their Education That Works program to host a group of interns, from ninth through twelfth grades. This year, we are so happy to be hosting four young men: Marcus Norwood, senior, Chrishawn Phillips, junior, Patrick Ransopher, sophomore, and Cristian Freire, freshman. The interns come to Catholic Charities one day a week while attending classes the other four days of the week. Student interns earn a stipend through the program that pays for ¼ of their tuition and gain vital critical thinking skills that aid them beyond high school. Interns at Catholic Charities of West Tennessee perform a variety of duties, from working with the different programs on projects to answering and directing client phone calls. Through these duties, interns are able to better their communication and time management skills, while experiencing the work of a non-profit agency in Memphis. This year, interns are working within all of the programs at Catholic Charities to get a better understanding of who CCWTN serves in the Diocese of Memphis. They are getting a wealth of experience through their internship and are off to a great start!
Want to help our interns and join us in investing in their future? Come join us one day and see the work they are doing (and treat them to lunch to practice their communication skills)! You can also support the project, and the Education That Works program, by sponsoring one of our interns for the duration of their time at Catholic Charities of West Tennessee!

For more information on how you can help support our Memphis Catholic interns and the Education That Works program through Memphis Catholic High School, please contact Christine Hash, Christine.hash@acc.cdom.org.
In my life, I have seen the best and worst in our community. I can say as the new Executive Director that CCWTN is among the best. I cannot express in words how great the needs are for our ministries. Already in my first week, I have seen how we serve those who live out the real life drama of hunger and homelessness. Yes! We have, in our West Tennessee community, families who have no food. I know you understand this and the many other needs we serve.

It is only with your support that we able to say yes to those in need. It is you who “welcomes the stranger.” I am excited to join this ministry with you, our board, and our staff.

I also want to thank His Excellency, Bishop Martin D. Holley, D.D., for allowing me to be a part of the mission of CCWTN. I join with the board and the staff in thanking Father John Hourican for his service as Interim President and CEO and Deacon Philip Moore for his service as Interim Vice President.

With a full heart,

Richard C. Hackett
Executive Director

p.s. “In a full heart, there is room for everything, and in an empty heart, there is room for nothing.” – Antonio Porchia

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**Help our Programs this Fall!**

- **Immigration Services** needs bilingual volunteers, and a coordinator and volunteers for VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance 2018.

- **Clothes Closet** needs children’s winter coats (ages 0 – 12), travel-sized hygiene products, socks, and undergarments.

- **Food Pantry** needs canned meat, pasta meals, cereal, bottled water, canned fruit, and dried beans!

- **St. Sebastian Veteran Services** needs shower curtains, pillows, shower mats, Twin and Queen sheets sets, blankets, bags (backpacks, string bags, etc), socks, and personal hygiene items. We also need volunteers to help put together care packages for our Veterans!

- **Genesis Homeless Services** needs furniture, bedding, TVs, and other household items for client apartments. Please contact Mary Jordan, (901) 722 – 4744, for more information on coordinating deliveries to clients.

**CCWTN is also in need of a portable generator!**
ST. SEBASTIAN VETERAN SERVICES
Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families

St. Sebastian Veteran Services opened at CCWTN in 2013 and is funded through Supportive Services for Veteran Families grant and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. SSVS works to end veteran homelessness through a rigorous approach to case management, employment counseling, and financial counseling. SSVS works with Veterans who are currently homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Our case managers work in collaboration with other agencies to secure housing and employment for their clients, while also helping clients to become financially stable.

YOU can help SSVS by bringing household items such as pillows, towels, sheets or blankets for clients’ housing to 1325 Jefferson and label them “For Veterans.”

For information on how you can help, contact Penny Patterson, Outreach and Intake, at penny.patterson@ac.cdom.org or (901) 722 – 4760.

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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.

Visit us at CCWTN.org

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