We are making an investment in the future. Would you like to help?

Each year Catholic Charities of West Tennessee hosts student interns from the Education That Works Program at Memphis Catholic School. High school students attend classes at school four days and work in the business world one day of every week. During the students’ 2016 summer break we met with school staff where we learned that the missing piece is in the area of the soft skills: communication, adaptability, initiative, time management, etc. Our response is an internship that facilitates practicing these soft skills necessary for success in today’s workplace. The internship is self-paced with ongoing self and staff evaluation.

New this year - 60% of the student hours with us will now be spent interacting with agency leaders: talking with them, shadowing them, suggesting new ideas or attending meetings. During the remaining 40% of the hours staff can reserve the students for projects.

Here are two ways that you can invest in their future:

- Treat a student to lunch here at the agency and provide an opportunity to practice the soft skills.
- Support this project financially; this type of learning is labor intensive and not covered by other funding sources.

This investment will pay off!

2016-17 student interns are off to a wonderful start.

Catholic Charities of West Tennessee is Pleased to Welcome Three New Members to its Board of Directors.

Amy Clunan is Director, Managing Corporate Attorney for AutoZone. She, her husband and son live in Collierville and attend St. Louis Catholic Church.

Deacon Phil Moore is retired from International Paper and was recently ordained as a Permanent Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis and has been assigned to St. Brigid Parish. Deacon Phil and his wife Shona live in Germantown.

Justin M. Reed is a Vice President with Sun Trust Bank. Justin, his wife Erica, and two children, Jackson (three) and Jordan (two) live in Memphis.
A Call for Volunteers!
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Getting your taxes prepared and saving money are not words you normally hear in the same sentence. Would you like to volunteer to help make this possible for those who need assistance? You will receive training (no finance experience needed) and will be joining a great team of volunteers, making a difference in Memphis. Catholic Charities of West Tennessee has partnered with United Way to provide free tax preparation services to low income tax payers from February through mid-April.

To learn more or RSVP for a Volunteer Orientation contact: Chris Butson at 901-722-4730 or Chris.butson@acc.cdom.org

Updated Designs for Camp Love & Learn Notecards!

This summer, campers and junior volunteers from our Camp Love & Learn program created beautiful artwork that has been printed onto notecards. Pictured here are the 6 new designs; three depicting Memphis landmarks along with three new Christmas designs. New this year—every Christmas card has a message inside. Each note card tells a story on the back cover about the camper/artist who created the artwork.

Cards are available for purchase at Catholic Charities of West Tennessee offices during normal business hours or by calling Christine Hash at (901) 722-4759. As always, all proceeds from the sale of Notecards go directly to Camp Love & Learn.
An Appreciation: It has been announced that Pope Francis accepted Bishop J. Terry Steib’s letter of retirement and we will soon welcome a new Bishop to West Tennessee (see box below). In every sense of the phrase, this is a mixed blessing for CCWTN. While thrilled for Bishop Terry, as he can now move on to the next phase of his ministry, and excited for the opportunity to work with Bishop Holley, it also brings to a close a collaboration that was personally and organizationally wonderful.

Bishop Terry has been many things to us here at CCWTN: Teacher, Boss, Collaborator & Friend. Little known was his habit to spend most Friday mornings with us in our offices – so we know him well.

He was also a very good sport, and always said yes when asked to help with something to benefit the agency – even if it was a bit outside the box. To that end, he has painted a picture, arranged flowers, sat with Santa, passed out gifts and sung on stage.

Our friend John Angotti has a song entitled There’s a Presence in this Place. Well, Bishop Terry, your presence will remain in our place!

Felix episcopus Terry secessu!

Michael D. Allen, President/CEO
Our New Reading Nook

On July 25, 2016 two groups from Nashville, IL (St. Ann’s Catholic Church and Grace United Methodist Church) traveled to Memphis and spent a week of service with us. Ramps were built to make accepting/distributing donations easier; the gym is now ready for Gifts for God’s Children and the new racks are hung in the Clothes Closet.

What is most impressive is the Noah’s Ark themed mural the group painted for the Children’s Reading Corner in our lobby. It took the whole week to complete the mural which contains 22 different pairs of animals, 53 daisies (one which only has 4 petals instead of five) and the names of staff and volunteers hidden throughout. How wonderful it is to see the smiles on the children’s faces while they are enjoying a good book and a beautiful artwork! We are truly blessed.

We would like to thank the following organizations for their generosity & support:

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• Knights of Columbus Council-Germantown
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• The Estate of Vlasta R. Fedinec

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