Upcoming Events

Large Scale Food Distributions with Mid-South Food Bank
- June 9 – Resurrection
- July 14 – St. Paul
- August 25 – IC Union City
- Sept. 8 – St. Mary’s Jackson
Contact lucie.johnson@acc.cdom.org to volunteer or for more info.

Mobile Food Outreach
Distributions held weekly on Wednesdays. Contact lucie.johnson@acc.cdom.org to volunteer or for more info.

St. Bernard’s Biscuits and Bandanas – Dog Day
High Cotton Brewery
June 12, 2016

Camp Love & Learn
St. Paul Catholic School and St. Michael Catholic School
From June 6 – July 22, 2016

Volunteer Saturday
1325 Jefferson
July 16, 2016

PHBH Kick Off
November 1, 2016

Family Christmas Concert with John Angotti & Special Guest
 Germantown Performing Arts Center
Save the date: December 4, 2016

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“Adopt a Camper” 2016 Scholarship Program

Camp Love and Learn (CL & L) is a seven week summer enrichment camp operated by Catholic Charities of West Tennessee that focuses on a multi-cultural group of at-risk children. This year we are excited to announce that we will hold two camps. One at the St. Paul Catholic School and one at St. Michael Catholic School.

The Camp includes Educational, Nutritional and Recreational/Cultural components and is primarily funded via donations from generous individuals, grants from private foundations and fee revenue from families of campers. All families are expected to contribute something toward their child(ren)’s camp expenses.

Help provide a child with a safe, fun and educational summer through one of our scholarship opportunities. For more information, please contact Stacey Sears at stacey.sears@acc.cdom.org.

- Full Scholarship (1 Child, 7 weeks) $1,000
  Invitation to tour camp one day, Luncheon invitation at camp end, Letter from Child, Picture of Child, and Camp Love & Learn T-Shirt
- One-Half Scholarship (1 Child, 4 weeks) $500
  Luncheon invitation at camp end, Letter from Child, Picture of Child, and Camp Love & Learn T-Shirt
- One-Quarter Scholarship (1 Child, 2 weeks) $250
  Letter from Child, Picture of Child, and Camp Love & Learn T-Shirt
- One Week Scholarship (1 Child, 1 week) $125
  Letter from Child and Picture of Child

Please make your check payable to Catholic Charities of West Tennessee and mark “Camp Love & Learn” in the memo area or visit ccwtn.org to donate safely online.

Your Name(s):__________________________________________
Address:________________________________________________
City, State & Zip:__________________________________________
T-Shirt Size Requested: Adult S, M, L, XL or XXL
(for Full, Half and Quarter sponsorship levels)

PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO: Catholic Charities of West Tennessee
Attn: Camp Love & Learn
1325 Jefferson Ave., Memphis, TN 38104
This spring, we hosted free VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) events for members of the community as well as Spanish speaking tax payers through our Immigration Services Department.

Trained, volunteer tax preparers were on site along with Spanish-to-English speaking interpreters to assist in tax preparation.

The VITA Program offers free tax help to people who make $54,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled.

2016 Dates:
July 16
September 17
December 17

WISH LIST
We have an extra special need for the following items:
1. Men's clothing and shoes
2. Baby diapers - especially sizes 3-5
3. New socks and underwear in all sizes
4. Women's plus sizes

For more information on the needs of our Clothes Closet, contact Lucie Johnson at 901-722-4797.
**Welcoming the Stranger**

*Agility*, the ability to be quick and nimble was never a personal strong suit and has further eluded me as I work my way through middle age. But as an agency, it is something we’ve preached and really tried to ‘live’ in recent years.

Later this summer we’ll be tested in this area, as we launch our new *Genesis Homeless Services* program. In late March we closed our long running Genesis House transitional shelter after a nineteen year run in mid-town Memphis. On July 1st Genesis Homeless Services program will begin serving the same homeless population in Shelby County with what is known as the rapid-rehousing model.

Simply put, the transitional shelter model used, as the name implies, a building (which CCWTN owned and operated) to house homeless individuals, whereas a rapid-rehousing model places clients into their own homes (apartments) and provides the wrap-around services needed to help them maintain self-sufficiency. Our St. Sebastian Veterans Services program has used a rapid-rehousing model for the past three years to work with homeless veterans and their families.

Times change, needs change, service models change and funding sources change, but what does not change is Catholic Charities of West Tennessee over 40 year focus on helping the homeless of our community.

Michael D. Allen, President/CEO

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**Catholic Charities of West Tennessee Launches New Website**

_Interactive Experience for Clients, Volunteers and Donors_

Taking our theme of increased mobility to the next step, we launched our newly redesigned website, CCWTN.org, earlier this spring. Created by local digital design and marketing agency, RocketFuel, and partially funded through a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, the new site allows for an interactive experience between CCWTN and its clients, volunteers and donors.

Site visitors can sign up to volunteer, get information on Agency programs and local resources, donate, email staff members and access maps to events. With easy navigation and increased speed, the new website was tailor made to fit the needs of the variety of people who interact with CCWTN on a daily basis from members of the community to business associates.

Check out the new [CCWTN.org](http://CCWTN.org) today and let us know what you think!

**New Agency Van Allows CCWTN to Increase Services**

Our mobile food efforts have expanded to include more distributions, across more areas of the Memphis and Jackson Deaneries and now include mobile clothing distributions as well. It’s a tall order! We have upgraded our mobile to facilitate this important work. Be sure to wave if you see us!
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.

We would like to thank the following organizations for their generosity & support:
- Benevity Community Impact Fund
- Kraft Food Group Foundation
- LRK, Inc.
- McDonnell Insurance Inc. Distributions
- Riverfront Development Corporation
- Speer Charitable Trust
- Surgical Technologies
- Walmart Foundation