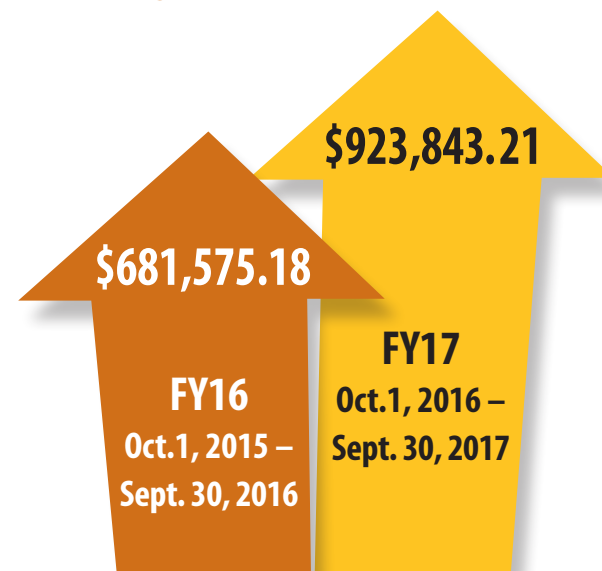


# Catholic Charities Maine making every penny count

PHILANTHROPY REPORT

WINTER 2018

## THANKS TO YOU! Total Giving Increased 36% in Fiscal Year 2017\*



\*Does not include United Way, federal and state grants, or Diocesan funding.

Wow, what generous donors we have! Fiscal year **2017 philanthropic efforts resulted in \$923,843 raised to support our most vulnerable neighbors in need**, regardless of faith, all across the state.

From our spring and fall appeals to our annual Golf Classic...from grants to bequests...from sales of our December Days calendars to proceeds from our CARS vehicle donation program...from shopping on AmazonSmile to shopping at our Thrift Stores it all adds up to a year of our donors giving more so we can do more!

We hope you will join us in continuing to invest in the vulnerable populations that need our help the most so that 2018 shines brighter for all of us in Maine.

## GIVING SUITS OUR DONORS TO A TEE!

CCM's 15th Annual Golf Classic raised more than \$81,000 for scholarships at our two child development centers, St. Elizabeth's in Portland and St. Louis in Biddeford.

Special thanks to our event sponsors:

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| <b>Title:</b> Olympia Sports               | <b>Grill Station:</b> Anthem               |
| <b>Platinum:</b> Winxnet                   | <b>Putting Contest:</b> Fairpoint          |
| <b>Presenting:</b> Cross/BGA Financial     | <b>Program:</b> Port Printing Solutions    |
| <b>Helicopter Ball Drop:</b> Coastal, Inc. | <b>Signs &amp; Banners:</b> Identity Group |
| <b>Golf Ball:</b> Cigna                    | <b>Hole-In-One:</b> Yankee Ford            |

With 32 teams, in-kind auction and raffle donations from numerous businesses and many volunteers who joined us on the course that day, including auction emcee Jeff Peterson from WGME, it truly was a team effort in achieving this year's success for such a critical cause.



**Be sure to mark your calendars for Monday, September 17th, 2018 for our 16th Annual Golf Classic!**

LAST CHANCE TO GIVE...OUR FALL APPEAL CLOSES JANUARY 31ST!

## For too many Mainers, disaster strikes every day.



## Will you be their lifeline?

Catholic Charities Maine's 2017 Fall Appeal closes on January 31st. If you have not already made your donation, **please look into your heart and give what you can to make 2018 brighter for those who are struggling in our communities.**

Your gift helps us address Maine's most complex issues — mental health, substance abuse, quality care for children and seniors, food insecurity and helping refugees rebuild their lives.

You can donate by mailing a check payable to Catholic Charities Fall Appeal to Catholic Charities Maine, Office of Development, P.O. Box 10660, Portland, ME 04104-6060, by calling our Development Department at (207) 523-1188 or online at [www.ccmaine.org/give](http://www.ccmaine.org/give)

Thank you in advance for your generosity. All of us at Catholic Charities wish you and your family a very Happy New Year.



## MAKING EVERY PENNY COUNT: STORIES FROM THE FIELD



2017 National CACFP Forum attendees at California Roundtable Conference.

hunger insecurity affecting 200,000 people in Maine we're committed to leading the way to a Maine where no one goes hungry.

Sonja Carvalho, Director of the **Child & Adult Care Food Program**, traveled to California in October to present at the California Roundtable Conference as part of the National CACFP Forum. As Vice President of the organization, Sonja is a national leader in promoting, perfecting and protecting child nutrition programs.

**Catholic Charities' Hunger & Relief Services** partnered with the Good Shepherd Food Bank to address the *Economic Impact of Hunger* at the Aroostook County Chamber's monthly Eggs & Issues breakfast gathering in November. In addition, Program Director Dixie Shaw traveled to Catholic Charities North Carolina to share the success story of our **Farm for ME** program which grows fresh vegetables on donated land to provide healthy food options to the 24 food pantries our Food Banks supply. With



Kristine Miale, Director of the Good Shepherd Food Bank (left) and CCM's Dixie Shaw (right) presented at Eggs & Issues in November.

**Refugee & Immigration Services** (RIS) hosted another successful World Refugee Day celebration! On July 8th, more than 400 guests attended a community dinner at Cheverus High School in Portland. Featuring musical performances, children's activities and an art exhibit by refugees, the evening brought together members of the refugee and native community to honor the nearly 21 million people currently seeking refuge throughout the world.

Also in July, our **Office of Maine Refugee Services** welcomed visitors from Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Timorleste and Vietnam traveling under the auspices of the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Leadership



Program. The visit's objectives included understanding the root causes of mass migrations, best practices to ensure respect for due process and human rights, methods for mitigating human trafficking and considering best practices in community integration of migrants.

Tarlan Ahmadov, (left) Director of Office of Maine Refugee Services, with Alvin Sonthanam, (right) Coordinator, Migrants & Refugees, Arch Diocesan Office of Human Development in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



World Refugee Day celebrated the cuisine, music and art refugees bring to our communities.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Seniors

Children

Refugees and immigrants

Ending Hunger



Addiction Treatment

Mental Health treatment

### Plan to take a STAND on Saturday, June 23rd!

Save the date for our spring fundraiser called STAND at Southern Maine Community College from 6 to 9 pm on June 23rd. Featuring beer and wine sampling, hearty hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and live music we'll all enjoy an evening to remember — while taking a stand for — Maine's most vulnerable populations.

Tickets are available online at [www.ccmaine.org/STAND](http://www.ccmaine.org/STAND) and enjoy special pricing with our \$35 ticket for guests under 35 years of age.

You or your business can support this event and take a STAND as a sponsor for the cause that is closest to your heart — children, seniors, refugees, or persons struggling with mental health or substance use disorders. Please contact Development Manager Denise Picard at [dpicard@ccmaine.org](mailto:dpicard@ccmaine.org) or (207) 523-1188.

### BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING HOPE THROUGH GRANTS & DONATIONS

We are especially thankful for the steadfast support of area businesses in Aroostook County. **Aroostook Savings & Loan, WAGM-TV and Goughan's Berry Farm** teamed up again to raise funds for the *Feed the County* initiative with the 2nd Annual *Feed The County Family Fun Fest* at Goughan's Berry Farm in September. The result of this powerful partnership was more than \$8,300 raised to help feed folks in the County. This is just one of the many ways these companies lend their support all year long.



In November, **Murray-Heutz Oil and Propane** launched a new program to help struggling families stay warm this winter called *Spread the Warmth*. A premier heating fuel supplier and heating service provider in Central Maine, the company teamed up with Catholic Charities to seek nominations for a needy family to receive a new heating system free of charge.

The company also encouraged folks to donate online to help offset the heating costs for even more families.

Our Hunger & Relief Services program has received **\$80,000 from the Sewall Foundation to create a low carbon footprint veggie processing center** in Caribou, and another **\$20,000 from Catholic Charities USA** for equipment for the center. This will allow us to process the fresh vegetables grown and gleaned through our *Farm for ME* program to provide nutritious, locally-grown produce throughout the year to individuals struggling with food insecurity.



Aroostook Savings & Loan president John Swanberg and Kelly Landeau presents check to Catholic Charities CEO Steve Letourneau (center) from proceeds from the annual *Feed The County Family Fun Fest*.



*Farm for ME's* flash frozen veggies ensures healthy options for food pantries all winter long.

We provide comfort, we feed the hungry, we stand for the vulnerable, we seek wholeness, we bring recovery, we teach the children, we offer support to seniors, we strengthen families, we welcome strangers, we change lives.  
**WE ARE CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE!**