

Volunteer Voice

Updates of the Community Outreach Programs of Catholic Charities West Michigan
March 2017

Staff Changes

Community Outreach Programming

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ 1st Friday of Every Month: God's Kitchen (Grand Rapids) is closed.
- ◆ March 8, 2017: Soup's On Along the Lakeshore
- ◆ March 15, 2017: Honor St. Patrick with Fr. Matt Barnum



The Community Outreach team wishes Lisa Johnston, Program Supervisor in Muskegon, farewell as she begins a new journey.

With this transition, we welcome to Laura Cunningham into the role of Program Supervisor. She will be working closely with GR-based counterpart Jeff, to get acclimated to the world of God's Kitchen Food & Pantry Programming.

We'd also like to welcome Holly Salas, our new agency volunteer coordinator. Becca will be transitioning full-time to the philanthropy department in next couple weeks and providing Holly with a proper orientation to the volunteer processes for agency.

Holly's role is to support site supervisors by recruiting, screening and placing volunteers throughout the agency, as well planning recognition activities. She will be onsite at God's Kitchen, Muskegon location and Cathedral Square to support all agency volunteer needs and act as a support to site supervisors in retaining volunteers and effective volunteer engagement.

Learn more about our new staff on page 21

Help us raise \$14,000 for the Lakeshore Baby Pantry!



4th Annual

Honor St Patrick

Wednesday, March 15 6pm-9pm

Hennessy's Irish Pub & Restaurant

With Guest Bartender

Fr. Matt Barnum

Welcome Holly Salas and Laura Cunningham!

Get to know our new staff members:

Holly Salas CCWM's new Volunteer Coordinator.

"I like to travel, hike, kayak, camp and play Frisbee with my dog, Nova. I also frequent the farmer's market and love to cook healthy meals."

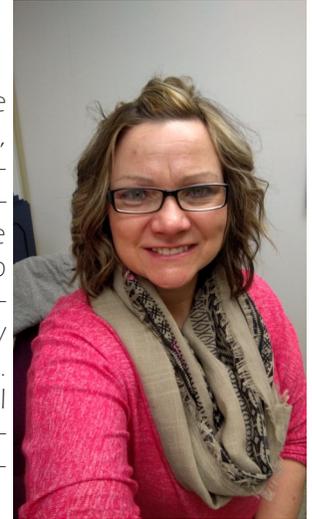
"I'm super eco-friendly, so you'll probably witness an actual glass jar or two as a water bottle. I play the ukulele, some guitar, sing and draw + paint."

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the volunteers well, forming lasting friendships, and making the volunteer experience here enjoyable and memorable!"



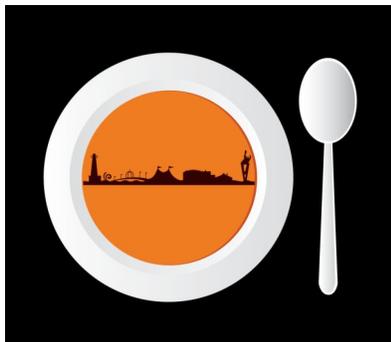
Laura Cunningham CCWM's new Program Supervisor in Muskegon

"I am married to Alex we have six children. We enjoy travel, specifically we LOVE Tennessee. We love being outdoors - Hiking, Geocaching, the beach anything we can do with our kids. We love antiquing Mostly just finding really cool stuff we can re-purpose. Over the past couple years I have discovered a love for re-purposing and refinishing furniture and other items."



"Most recently I worked for the Department of Corrections as a Corrections Shift Supervisor and have been there for 9 years. While there, I enjoyed fundraising and participating in The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympic, and enjoyed working with other local agencies on purposeful fundraising and charity events."

"What I look forward to most, is being involved in our community, being in a position where I feel I can make a difference or an impact in a positive way. I look forward to working collaterally with others at CCWM, other agencies and individuals to provide for our community."



Soup's On Along the Lakeshore! 2017

Start Time: 6PM
Date: March 8, 2017
Location: Trillium Events Center
17246 Van Wagoner Rd
Spring Lake, Michigan 49456
Ticket Price: \$40 per person

Learn more and purchase tickets at soupsonforall.org

Four Practices *which can help make parish social ministry vibrant and effective*

By Jack Jezreel, USCatholic.org

Source: <http://www.uscatholic.org/articles/201403/best-practices-charity-and-justice-28549>

1: All For One

Communities of Salt and Light, the U.S. bishops' 1993 document on parish social ministry, makes the case that social mission is not the responsibility of a handful of parishioners who often feel isolated, misunderstood, or even eyed suspiciously by the rest of the parish. The work of social ministry—compassion made real in direct service, advocacy, community organizing, and sacrificial giving—is the work of the parish, the entire parish.



To that end, everything in the parish must be embedded with the message of mission: preaching, teaching, adult education, youth ministry, children's catechesis, everything. As a religious educator, I am all too aware of how adult formation has often considered Catholic social teaching and social mission to be a kind of extracurricular afterthought.

In other words, what happens (or not) in the parish will determine what happens (or not) beyond the parish. If we prepare people for the works of charity and justice in all that we do, then we can expect an abundant harvest of workers. Not only will we see that our action is enhanced by being rooted in faith and prayer, but we will also see our faith and prayer deepened by the insights and experience of engaged discipleship.

Next Month: There's a large body of work to be done

Current Agency Volunteer Needs

God's Kitchen (13+): Most days are in need of additional volunteers and groups, from 11am-3pm.

Food Pantry (Muskegon) (13+): Fridays are currently in need of more volunteers. Tuesday, Thursday and/or Fridays from 9:30AM-12PM. We are in GREAT need of additional volunteer shoppers to assist guests as they make selections from our food pantry, assist with administrative tasks, and greet incoming clients to the pantry.

Host a Bowl Painting Party: We are in need of volunteers to paint bowls that are given to guests at our benefit events that support God's Kitchen Food and Pantry Programming. We provide all materials (brushes, paints, bowls, etc) This is our most flexible opportunity – do it on your own time!

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Mission Statement

In the spirit of our Catholic tradition, we lead our diverse communities with hope and compassion by offering innovative, collaborative programs.

Through our team of highly trained employees, dedicated volunteers and generous community, we deliver the highest quality social services.



What hunger do YOU feed?

Safety. Companionship. Unity. Peace.

Program Locations

Administration

Social Justice

Project Rachel

360 Division Ave S.
Suite 3A
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

God's Kitchen

Food & Pantry Programs

303 Division Ave S
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Lakeshore

Food and Pantry Programs
Senior Corps

1095 Third Street
Muskegon, MI 49441

