



Putting Love into Action

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Updates from Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV)

Hispanic Outreach Celebrates Back to School



On Friday, August 1st, the Hispanic Outreach program celebrated all participating children with an educational event that provided backpacks and school supplies. CSSMV's Hispanic Outreach Program helps Hispanic families living in the Dayton and Montgomery County areas maintain stability so their children can perform well in school. At the end of July, the Dayton community and CSSMV partners donated more than 144 backpacks filled with school supplies, including pencils, markers, rulers, notebooks, pencil cases, folders, and more, to support children whose families participate in one or more CSSMV programs. These school supplies helped 64 young students whose families participate in the HOP program, motivating them to start the school year with enthusiasm and motivation. A total of 39 Hispanic families participated in the event.

Interested in volunteering in our Hispanic Outreach Program? Contact Aliessa Caldwell at caldwella@cssmv.org or call (937) 223-7217 ext. 1130



JAMES FREE
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Watch Battery Community Charity Program

At James Free, WE NEVER CHARGE for a simple watch battery replacement. Instead, we team up with local charities in asking for a donation of any amount with service. **100% of the funds collected go to benefit the partnering charity!**

Our current local charity is:
Catholic Social Services

OUR MISSION:
Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley strengthens individuals and families through actions of faith, service and charity.

OUR VISION:
Creating faithful partnerships to strengthen families and achieve a more hopeful community.



Learn More at: <https://cssmv.org>

CSSMV Refugee Resource Fair

During the CSSMV Refugee Resource Fair, we were pleased to host representatives from the following organizations: Able Law, CareSource, Montgomery County Educational Services, Brunner Literacy Center, Ebenezer Healthcare, Immigration Connection, Welcome Dayton, Five Rivers Health Centers, and Parenting and Pregnancy Support from CSSMV. Vendors provided information on healthcare access, English classes, legal services, employment assistance, and GED support.

To ensure accessibility and inclusion, interpreters were available for Kinyarwanda, Swahili, Russian, and Spanish, allowing over 40 attendees to fully benefit from the information and resources provided. Upon arrival, each attendee received a "passport" listing all the participating vendors. Attendees were encouraged to visit each vendor table and collect a sticker, boosting engagement and ensuring participants learned about all the resources available. Before leaving, each attendee received two bags: one filled with hygiene products and one filled with household cleaning supplies, helping to meet their immediate needs. This event was a meaningful step in supporting our refugee community with valuable information, resources, and tangible aid.

Former Northern Counties Director to Receive Award

On August 12, our own Kathy Sell, retired Northern Counties Director, received the Shelby County United Way's second annual "Champion of the Year Apex Award." The award recognizes a director or staff member of one or more human services non-profit agencies who has dedicated their life's work to helping others and creating needed change in the Shelby County community. Congratulations, Kathy!



Pictured is Kathy with Karla Young, CEO of Shelby County United Way

To learn more about these updates or about Catholic Social Services, visit cssmv.org or contact Hope Gebhart, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, at gebharth@cssmv.org or 937.223.7217 ext.1168



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