



Putting Love into Action

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

Empowering our Community: National Social Work Month

At Catholic Social Services, we are blessed that so many social workers care for our clients, uphold our mission, and share their life's work with us. First recognized in March of 1963, National Social Work Month encourages public support for the profession. Family Stabilization & Success Program Manager, Tamara, MSW, shares, "I became a social worker because it brings together purpose, challenge, and real-world impact. Over the past 13 years, I've worked with youth and families in diverse settings, gaining a deep understanding of the pressures they face and the strengths they carry. My experience includes supporting mothers and children affected by domestic violence, working with youth placed in state care, and helping families recover from crises such as the May 2019 tornadoes and the COVID-19 pandemic. Doing this work gives me a genuine sense of fulfillment, knowing I'm contributing to meaningful change as a committed advocate and change agent." In our Northern Counties service region, ECHO School Based Counselor Kristina, LSW, shared, "Social Work was not my original plan, but when I started taking classes, I fell in love and found my passion. I have always been drawn to helping others, but social workers are able to help in different ways. Yes, professionally, there are many routes that a social worker can take, but something that all social workers do is use empathy and a person-centered focus. Providing different services professionally has led me to find a passion in working with kids and teens, providing them the support and guidance through mental health therapy. It has been special to see them grow and allowing them to recognize their strengths and growth through using skills and releasing their stressors." Thank you to all who work to empower our community!



Northern Counties



Eckert Center



Center for Families

Lenten Love in Action 2026

Catholic Social Services is still looking for stories from local parishes, schools and organizations to showcase Love in Action. We'll highlight these stories on our Facebook and Instagram accounts each weekday during Lent. For submissions, please contact Hope Gebhart at gebharth@cssmv.org or fill out the form here. We look forward to sharing your stories!



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