



CAPA/PREPARES

Director: Lisa Green

CAPA/PREPARES provides an environment for parents to build loving bonds with their kids to prepare them for a healthy future. CAPA/PREPARES offers stabilizing and advocacy services to expecting and parenting individuals and families with children age 5 and under.

CAPA/PREPARES Updates

- CAPA continues to offer Circle of Security Parenting via Zoom and is now registering parents for January classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Our Thursday PREPARED moms group is on line as well, if you have a mom who is looking for social connection and support right now please contact CAPA case manager Sarah Durrant at sarah.durrant@cceasternwa.org
- We continue to see a rise in parents needing clothing and diapers and are filling requests over the phone and using contactless pick up at CAPA during the hours of 10am-2pm Monday through Thursday.



Counseling

Director: Pam Brown

Catholic Charities Counseling is committed to providing high-quality behavioral health services and will:

- serve all persons regardless of ability to pay;
- offer discounted fees for persons who qualify;
- not deny services based on a person's race, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, religion, veteran status, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Counseling Updates

- Counseling has started an IG page and is seeing a great response. Follow us at @catholiccharitiescounseling
- Now accepting new clients



Data Services

Director: Mike Fischer

Updates

- We received a donation of iMacs (older, but still definitely functional) that will be made available to the community for distance learning and other needs. There's a limited supply but let us know if you think you know of someone who could use one!
- We are working on a hardware upgrade for the FSC to Fiber internet!! We should be expecting faster and more reliable internet than we have ever had before. Details to come!

IT Tip of the Month

We've setup a new article style resource available to all staff on SharePoint called Technology Training. It can be viewed here:

<https://cceasternwa.sharepoint.com/sites/TechnologyTraining>

We'll continue to add to this over time, and welcome any suggestions/recommendations for additional articles, walkthroughs, etc.



Food For All

Co-Coordiators: Carolyn Connelly & Jesse Hansen

Food For All provides healthy, locally grown food to low-income and elderly residents. Food For All works with community partners and farmers markets to develop infrastructure that will help obtain and deliver more local fresh fruit and vegetables.

Food For All Updates

- 2845.8 lbs of produce delivered in November:
 - Purchased: 500 lbs
 - Donated: 2307.6 lbs
 - Farm to Early Care and Education: 38.2 lbs
- Volunteers
 - Number of volunteers: 0
 - Volunteer hours: 0
- We bagged up 2 lbs of apples and gave to ESD 101 to distribute to 300 families in the Mary Walker School District in Springdale and to 75 families at Adams Elementary in Spokane Valley.
- Farm to Food Pantry deliveries ended in October.
- Welcoming Table kicked off in November. Meals were served at the following sites before going on hiatus because of COVID: Delaney, Hifumi En, Fahy West, Summit View, Sisters haven, Donna Hanson Haven, and Buder Haven.
 - Total meals served: 201



Healthcare Integration/Integrated Case Management

Director: Kelly Keenan

Healthcare Integration develops and manages initiatives designed to improve social determinants of health for Catholic Charities clients, including implementing trauma informed approaches to care.

Healthcare Integration/Integrated Case Management Updates

CCEW recently received a grant from the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to implement the Keeping Families Together (KFT) Initiative in Spokane County. The \$225,000 grant award will support a collaboration between multiple CCEW programs and external partner organizations—building on existing community service structure to create a multi-faceted housing stability pipeline for vulnerable Spokane families, particularly those overrepresented in the child welfare system. Through the KFT project CCEW will work with CSH and community partners to create supported connections between temporary and permanent housing units in the community for households impacted by child welfare—leveraging and connecting the strategic work already being done through HFCA, Rising Strong, the development of Gonzaga Family Haven.

About CSH

CSH is the national champion for supportive housing, demonstrating its potential to improve the lives of very vulnerable individuals and families by helping communities create over 335,000 real homes for people who desperately need them. CSH funding, expertise and advocacy have provided \$1 billion in direct loans and grants for supportive housing across the country. Building on 30 years of success developing multi and cross-sector partnerships, CSH engages broader systems to fully invest in solutions that drive equity, help people thrive, and harness data to generate concrete and sustainable results. By aligning affordable housing with services and other sectors, CSH helps communities move way from crisis, optimize their public resources, and ensure a better future for everyone. Visit us at csh.org.



House of Charity (HOC)

Director: Dena Carr

The House of Charity provides emergency shelter and services to individuals experiencing homelessness while preserving their individual dignity. House of Charity provides meals, case management and shelter to an underserved population of homeless men and women in any condition.

HOC Updates

- We continue to work to mitigate COVID in the shelter. We have incorporated many incentives to keep patrons engaged in healthy choice making—including a mask exchanged that provides a cookie or treat for turning in an old mask in exchange for a clean one and an extra cup of coffee for every person that engages in the weekly, shelter wide COVID testing.

Housing

Director: Glori Houston

Catholic Housing Communities provides affordable housing, including case management and social programming, to low-income seniors, veterans, people living with disabilities, farmworkers and chronically homeless individuals and families. Catholic Housing Communities is at the forefront of efforts to transform lives and communities by housing all people.

Housing Updates

- G-Prep delivered Thanksgiving meals to our residents at Summit View
- O'Malley residents decked the halls!
- Fahy residents celebrated Thanksgiving by having a coloring contest. Participants hung their pictures on the front doors.





Human Resources

Director: Leslie Varela

Human Resources Updates

- Login to the employee portal (located at the bottom of our homepage at www.cceasternwa.org) for information on benefits and employee resources.



Immigration Legal Services

Executive Vice President for Advocacy Services and Programs: Gene DiRe

Immigration Legal Services provides legal services that promote the reunification of families and assist with the integration of newcomers into our community. Immigration Legal Services offers consultations, representation and assistance to documented and undocumented immigrants of all nationalities, ethnicities and religions.

Immigration Legal Services Updates

- No January updates.



Marketing & Communications

Director: Sarah Yerden

Catholic Charities Marketing and Communications team members are the marketing, communications, social media, public relations and graphics staff for the Agency.

Marketing & Communications Updates

Marketing:

- Focusing on Collection materials (print/digital/billboard) advertising
- Updating website with new photos/content. Do you have program updates that you need made to your webpage? Please send them to Sarah.

Media/Communications:

- CC Hygiene Drive media coverage: <https://www.kxly.com/catholic-charities-to-host-hygiene-product-donation-drive/>
- PR for Chewelah Manor: <https://www.kxly.com/catholic-charities-opening-25-unit-senior-housing-facility-in-chewelah/>
- Donation Drive Media: <https://www.kxly.com/catholic-charities-to-host-hygiene-product-donation-drive/>
- Christmas Faithworks <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/926695/>
- Fall Walla Walla Newsletter: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/415376/>
- Do you have some amazing work you would like us to showcase? Send us an email!
- Do you have any agency updates you would like to send in the Chat? We have an average open rate of over 70%, so send them our way!
- We are always looking for client/program success stories so please continue to reach out to us to meet with clients and share the wonderful work your programs do each day!



Mission Sustainability

Director: Kassi Kain

Catholic Charities Mission Sustainability team members are the fundraising, event planning, community relations and volunteer services of the Agency.

Mission Sustainability Updates

CHRISTMAS BUREAU: Thank you to everyone for helping us get this word out!

This year we served:

30,866 total individuals

8,386 adults

16,166 kids

\$213,495 in grocery vouchers

3,594 e gift cards sent

201 gift cards distributed from our office



Parish Social Ministry

Director: Scott Cooper

Parish Social Ministry provides a resource for parishes, schools and organizations for Catholic Social Teaching, outreach and advocacy, solidarity, justice and service. Parish Social Ministry directs and coordinates all aspects of direct service to those in need and public policy advocacy to address systemic issues of injustice, all firmly rooted in the teachings and traditions of the church.

Parish Social Ministry Updates

- The Parish Social Ministry office is currently soliciting applications for the 2021 local **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** grants. These funds address root causes of poverty through systemic change, with a significant leadership involvement of low-income people. If this sounds like an organization you know, please reach out to the PSM office for more information.
- We have been blessed with more donations to assist those struggling after this summer's wildfires. As is typical after natural disasters, some households are only coming forward months later. Along with Disaster Case Managers, we will walk with these households for months and even years to come as they work toward recovery and rebuilding.
- Catholic Charities is one of the sponsors for the annual Eastern Washington Legislative Advocacy Day, which focuses on social policy issues in the Washington State Legislature. This year, the conference will be virtual. We invite everyone to consider joining in on Saturday, January 30th. You can find out more and register here: <https://secure.givelively.org/event/the-fig-tree/beyond-words-doing-justice/virtual-2021-eastern-washington-legislative-conference>.
- On that same note, the premier annual event in the Catholic social ministry world is also on-line this winter: The U.S. Catholic Bishops' Catholic Social Ministry Gathering will be February 6-9, 2021, and will begin with a keynote address reflecting on Pope Francis' vision of bold hope in his recent encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, and its application to the challenges we are facing in the U.S. and around the world. Learn more and register here: [2021 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering](#). Normally, you would have to travel to

Washington DC in the winter to take advantage of this opportunity. But this year, you can take part from the comfort of your own home.

- Each January 1st since 1967, the Church marks the World Day of Peace with an address from the Holy Father. Pope Francis helps us to begin the new year with his message here: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html. The U.S. Bishops give us a summary version with other helpful links here: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/World%20Day%20of%20Peace%20Handout.pdf>



Rising Strong

Director: Dawn Kinder

Rising Strong provides residential services that allow families to stay together while they begin to recover from addiction, heal from trauma and rebuild their lives. Rising Strong offers holistic, family-centered drug treatment and housing to families at risk of entry to foster care.

Rising Strong Updates

- Rising Strong hired a Supportive Employment Specialist to begin offering these services to RS residents. It is our hope that this will continue to provide a foundation for families to succeed after Rising Strong.
- Rising Strong continues to implement WISe (Wraparound Intensive Services). Our enrolled families have had multiple Child and Family Team monthly meetings. We have seven families enrolled now.
- For Christmas Rising Strong was able to offer our families creative ways to celebrate the season, in spite of COVID. This included:
 - Rising Strong (and the Warming Center) being selected for “The 12 Days of Christmas”, an anonymous donor had dinner delivered to us from local restaurants.
 - We were able to provide pictures with Santa onsite, and also holiday themed crafts for families.
 - Our families utilized the Christmas Bureau to receive gifts for their kids.
- We have had three more of our families reunified with their children this quarter.



St. Anne's Children and Family Center

Director: Deitra Miller

St. Anne's Children & Family Center provides high-quality early learning opportunities and experiences for children from infancy through age 12. As a participant in the Washington State Early Achievers program, St. Anne's Children & Family Center is committed to meeting and exceeding all quality and educational standards for our center and for each child we serve.

St. Anne's Children and Family Center Updates

- As a team St. Anne's met for a monthly Professional Learning Community. The agenda focused on self-reflection and team building.
- FunShine Curriculum this month:
 - Kids in the Kitchen : Preschoolers love to help, and working in the kitchen is no exception. In this theme, the children will prepare their own snacks and learn about nutrition and cooking through a variety of food-related games and activities.
 - Holiday Hoopla: Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas activities fill this holiday theme. The children will be invited to explore familiar holiday traditions as well as those from around the world. Sensory exploration is prominent in this theme as children explore spicy scents, bright lights, and jingling tunes!
 - Holiday Celebrations were cancelled this year due to COVID, but the classrooms still celebrated as a school family and made creative crafts to send home to their family.



The children loved playing in the snow this month!



Pre-schoolers helped make Gingerbread People and followed a trail around the center!





St. Margaret's Shelter

Director: Shannon Boniface

St. Margaret's Shelter provides transitional shelter to promote positive life changes in a supportive, short-term environment. St. Margaret's Shelter offers social services that include individualized case management to regain and stabilize housing for families experiencing homelessness.

St. Margaret's Shelter Updates

- We received funding again this year from the Elizabeth Pool Charitable Trust and were able to replace carpeting in another four rooms which was completed this month. With Christmas Blessings we were able to provide gifts for the families at the shelter, donations to Christmas Blessings maintained at the same level despite COVID.



Senior Services

Director: Tom Carroll

Senior Services provides bonds of trust and friendship to elderly clients that allow them to live in their own homes with dignity, safety and connection to their community. Senior Services offers rides and chores to seniors who are low-income or living with disabilities and wish to remain in their own homes.

Senior Services/HSSC Updates

- No January updates.



Catholic Charities Walla Walla

Director: Tim Meliah

Catholic Charities Walla Walla provides services to respond in crisis, stabilize lives and advocate in hope in the southern counties of Eastern Washington. Catholic Charities Walla Walla serves as a regional office of Catholic Charities Eastern Washington.

Catholic Charities Walla Walla Updates

- Many thanks to the donors who contributed to making this Christmas enjoyable for the youth in care at the LOFT. It is difficult for a youth to be in shelter care during the holidays, but the kindness of others helps to ease the stress and emotional toll.

- The COVID-19 vaccine will soon be available to shelter providers in Walla Walla. We are grateful for our partnership with the Department of Community Health and Providence Population Health for advocating on the behalf of shelter providers and clients.
- The LOFT welcomes new Youth Advocates to the team.
- The local chapter of the Knights of Columbus distributed 73 children's coats in 90 minutes to Walla Walla Walla families. Another demonstration of the great relationship CCWW has with our local Catholic parishes.