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Saint John XXIII Senior Services

A Mission to Seniors...

Saint John XXIII Senior Services was recently formed as a coordinated approach to providing all seniors and their families with ready access to the full array of services offered by the Diocese of Brooklyn through Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens and related agencies. Through the Saint John XXIII Senior Services, we assist seniors in preserving their independence, in continuing to enjoy a fruitful life experience, and in accessing the spiritual and physical supports that are needed in a timely fashion.

Contacting our Call Center at 718-722-6001 will open access to any of our senior services, including:

- Senior Centers
- Services for the Homebound Elderly
- Social Adult Day Programs for Seniors Diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease
- Home Care Services
- Ozanam Hall Nursing Home of Queens
- Saints Joachim & Anne Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- Bereavement Services
- Senior Housing

Catholic Charities recently hosted an information session for over 600 seniors at the Ss. Simon and Jude Parish in Bath Beach, Brooklyn, and at the American Martyrs Roman Catholic Church in Bayside, Queens, to introduce the consortium of services. The Saint John XXIII Senior Services will also form two task forces (one in Brooklyn and one in Queens) to engage the communities for a deeper understanding of the needs of our seniors, especially the most urgent needs, and to find ways to address those needs. It will also provide a platform for senior voices to be heard in regards to legislation and other civic matters that impact their lives and are important to them.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Alfred P. LoPinto
Chief Executive Officer
This hurricane season wrought much devastation to our nation's shores and to our neighbors in Puerto Rico and other islands. Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens (CCBQ) joined the Diocese of Brooklyn and Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) in prayer and in action for those impacted by hurricanes, including Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Maria and in particular, those impacted in Puerto Rico.

Under the direction of Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D., Bishop of Brooklyn, our Office of Mission coordinated the collection of material goods for Puerto Rico relief with the Diocese of Brooklyn. Throughout October, over 56 parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens collected items from parishioners, and CCBQ brought these items to a collection center located in the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, NY, for sorting and proper packaging for shipment to Puerto Rico. An estimated 32,000 pounds of goods were collected, including bottled water/water purifying tablets, non-perishable/canned food, baby food/baby formula, diapers for babies/adults, flashlights & batteries, first aid supplies, personal hygiene products, sanitizers/cleaning products, and more. Volunteers included staff members from CCBQ, Wells Fargo, Staples, St. Francis Preparatory School, St. John’s University and community members. Caritas de Puerto Rico, the Catholic charity in Puerto Rico, has arranged for distribution of the items to hurricane victims.

In addition, $32,000 in donations from caring individuals in our communities has been collected for Puerto Rico relief.

Earlier in September, CCBQ joined CCUSA to raise funds for those on our mainland who were impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, helping families and individuals with shelter, food, and immediate and long-term recovery needs. CCUSA established a text-to-give option for hurricane relief: text CCUSADISASTER to 71777 or visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org. Donations are still being accepted by CCUSA for disaster relief.

Visit our press page on www.ccbq.org to read coverage of our relief efforts in:
CCBQ Awarded $2.6 Million to Expand Center to Include Addiction, Primary and Behavioral Health Care

In July, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced $76.3 million to support 27 projects that will protect and transform New York City’s health care system. This funding is part of a $491 million Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program to improve patient care through the development of high-quality medical facilities and programs serving the inpatient, primary care, mental health, substance use disorder and long-term care needs of communities throughout New York State. Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services, Inc. (CCNS), the social services arm of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens (CCBQ), is one of the 27 New York State providers that received this new funding; CCNS was awarded approximately $2.6 million to renovate and expand the current Catholic Charities Flatbush Addiction Treatment Center to offer comprehensive primary care and behavioral health services in one location.

This grant will specifically focus on expanding the Flatbush Addiction Treatment Center, currently a 200-capacity facility located at 1463 Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn. It helps adults (from any borough) with a range of substance abuses through a wide variety of evidence-based treatments that are catered to each individual’s needs, including individual sessions, group sessions, nursing and psychiatric assessments, and a program for individuals charged with driving while intoxicated.

Plans to expand the facility include creating space and adding comprehensive primary care services. The clinic also added a program for youth, beginning age 12 with substance abuse issues or who have a family member with substance abuse issues.

“Right now heroin is the biggest problem,” said clinical director La’Draya Macon. “With this heroin epidemic, we’re seeing younger clients and it’s affecting the upper and middle classes more than minority and lower-class communities.”

The Flatbush Addiction Treatment Center requires an appointment for treatment (718-951-9009); however, there are open access hours on Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. during which anyone can walk in for information and services.

CCBQ & CMS Awarded Fidelis Care Grants

Fidelis Care, the New York State Catholic Health Plan, recently announced the distribution of $467,000 from its Community Grant Fund to Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens, and an additional $400,000 to Catholic Migration Services, in order to help those in need throughout the boroughs.

The grant to Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens will support the Catholic Charities Healthy Families Project. The Healthy Families Project will provide the community with crucial healthy lifestyle information for school and the workplace. This initiative is part of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens’ holistic approach to social and human services, integrating healthcare information into existing training, employment, counseling and other programs that will increase participants’ chances for long term success.

The grant to Catholic Migration Services will support Catholic Migration’s Parish Outreach and Health Education Program which provides access to quality healthcare and other services to the diocese’s most vulnerable individuals.

Each grant will be used for health fairs and community events in order to inform communities of the services that are available in their area.

Pictured l. to r.: Rev. Msgr. Alfred P. LoPinto, President & CEO, CCBQ & affiliated agencies; Lori Vervinec, Director of Marketing, Fidelis Care New York; and Very Reverend Patrick J. Keating, Deputy CEO of CCBQ and CEO of Catholic Migration Services.
The New York Times 2017-2018 Neediest Cases Campaign Kicks Off

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Carolyn Davidson. I have been a resident of Astoria for over 20 years and a former social worker for the elderly with over 30 years of experience. I am also a beneficiary of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens."

That was how Carolyn began her testimony at the New York Times 2017-2018 Neediest Cases Campaign Kick Off event. The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund is now in its 106th year, and has been providing direct assistance to those struggling in New York and beyond through eight social service organizations, of which Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens is one.

Last year, The New York Times 2016-2017 Neediest Cases Fund campaign raised nearly $6.2 million. That was the year Carolyn found herself struggling to pay a life-saving medical bill.

"I am forever thankful, and eternally grateful to Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens."

After being diagnosed with cancer in 2015, she underwent intensive treatment, including 33 radiations and 7 chemo treatments. Her retirement insurance and Medicaid covered most of the cost. However, she received a medical bill for $239 that she could not afford to pay. In 2016, she reached out to several agencies for assistance, to no avail.

Then she realized she was already with Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens, through one of our 20 food pantries.

Carolyn spoke fervently. "I remember when my caseworker Ms. Melo called me and told me they’d be able to pay the bill...and how I started to cry."

Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens started in 1899 with a concentration on child welfare, serving families in need, particularly those in immigrant communities. We have since expanded our mission to include helping individuals and families and seniors, aiding those with mental illness and housing homeless people. Understanding that individuals may need more than one-time assistance, Catholic Charities has been working over the years on a strategic direction that includes integration of services so that anyone who comes through our doors receives all the necessary supports to thrive.

"I am getting ready to return to doing what I love, helping seniors. My resume and references are ready and I am in the process of sorting through my clothes because I have gained my weight back and then some. By the Grace of God I am cancer free!" exclaimed Carolyn strongly.

More than just paying a medical bill or helping someone put food on the table or providing English as a Second Language and civic classes, through our holistic approach in delivering our comprehensive array of services, we aim to empower individuals and entire communities in need.

"I am forever thankful, and eternally grateful to Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens for supporting and helping people with hardships."

For more than 100 years, The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund has provided direct assistance to children, families and the elderly in New York. The Times profiles illustrate the difference that even a modest amount of money can make in easing the struggles of the poor.

9TH ANNUAL KIDS FUN DAY!

CCBQ recently held our 9th Annual Kids Fun Day, a back-to-school block party of activities and resources. This event was hosted by CCBQ’s Community Program Services, and sponsored by Fidelis Care and Staples Business Advantage who provided us with over 1,600 backpacks and school supplies as free gifts to participants. At the event, CCBQ introduced our new Mobile Outreach Walk-In Center, designed to reach more individuals and provide services in areas throughout Brooklyn and Queens where CCBQ does not have a physical site.

Vendors at Kids Fun Day included NYC Administration for Children’s Services; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; BJ’s Wholesale Club; Cocomo Homecare Reborn; Colgate; Costco Wholesale; FDNY Smokehouse; Freedom Care; Girl Scouts of Greater New York; Healthplex, Inc.; NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; NYC Department of Transportation; NYC Emergency Management and Ready Girl mascot; NYC Votes; NYC Human Resources Administration; NY Life Insurance; NY Islanders Sparky mascot; NYS Department of Public Service; Queens Museum of Art; Royal Prestige; Salsa In Queens; Socrates Sculpture Park; The Floating Hospital; The Home Depot; Uno Pizzeria & Grill; Weill Cornell Medical Center; and Western Queens Prevention Services.

Thank You to All Our Volunteers!

In the past year, our 300 volunteers have totaled 70,000 hours worth of work in numerous programs, including our behavioral health clinics, senior centers, ESL programs, food pantries, etc., which demonstrates their great value in time and money saved. Most importantly, our volunteers help us uphold our mission of caring for the most vulnerable and effecting positive change in our communities.
Dedication Ceremony for the Bishop Thomas V. Daily Residence, Featuring Housing for the Formerly Homeless

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D., Bishop of Brooklyn, joined Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens to celebrate the re-opening of the Catholic Charities Bishop Thomas V. Daily Residence, formerly known as St. Joseph’s Single Room Occupancy Apartments for the Elderly, at 683 Dean Street in Brooklyn.

In 1985, Catholic Charities Progress of Peoples Development Corp. (CCPOP) converted the former Catholic grammar school known as St. Joseph’s into a traditional SRO, one of the first permanent supportive housing sites for the homeless in the outer boroughs. The building recently underwent a gut renovation to add six new units of affordable housing, update building systems, and convert the bedrooms into efficiency apartments. Under its new name, the Bishop Thomas V. Daily Residence will continue to provide a supported, affordable, safe community for single adults.

The residence is named after Thomas Vose Daily, the sixth Roman Catholic Bishop of Brooklyn from 1990 to 2003. Bishop Daily, who passed away several weeks after the dedication, was Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Financing of this renovation was made possible through extensive partnerships among NYS Homes and Community Renewal, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Richman Housing Resources, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Catholic Charities also worked with the U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs, the Mayor’s Office of Veteran’s Affairs and NYC Department of Homeless Services.

From left to right: John Tynan, Retired, Director, CCPOP; Diana Reyna, Deputy Brooklyn Borough President; Karim Camara, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Faith-Based Community Development Services; Very Reverend Patrick J. Keating, Deputy CEO of CCBQ and CEO of Catholic Migration Services; the late Most Reverend Thomas V. Daily, Bishop Emeritus of Brooklyn; Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D., Bishop of Brooklyn; Rev. Msgr. Alfred P. LoPinto, President & CEO, CCBQ & affiliated agencies; Rev. Vincent Daily, nephew of Bishop Thomas V. Daily; and Rev. Msgr. Ralph Maresca, Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi, Astoria.

ACS and Dept. of Social Services Launch New Initiative at Our ENY Homebase

In October 2017, NYC Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) launched a Homelessness Prevention Initiative at Catholic Charities in East New York, Brooklyn to ensure that families receiving ACS’ preventive services and experiencing housing instability are connected to the city’s homelessness prevention resources and avoid homeless shelter entry whenever possible. Over ten ACS preventive services provider staff were trained by DSS homelessness prevention staff on programs and services for at-risk families.

This new initiative will better serve ACS-involved families by offering a variety of DSS and ACS housing resources to ACS preventive providers serving families living in East New York, drawing a distinct connection between DSS’s Homelessness Prevention Programs (known as “Homebase”) and ACS’ Division of Preventive Services. Through this training, ACS Preventive Services staff learn about services available through Homebase, which are focused on preventing homelessness and include tenant/landlord mediation, budgeting/financial empowerment, and relocation assistance workshops.

St. Clare’s School Supplies Donation

At the start of every school year, parishioners of Saint Clare Roman Catholic Church in Rosedale, Queens, craft a wooden school bus that is left at the back of the church for donations of school supplies. The church presented a “bus load” of supplies to our Community Program Services for distribution to children and families in our programs.
2017 Arthur Ashe Kids' Day

Participants of our Queens ESOL Civics Immigrant Services, Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP) and Community Program Services recently attended the 2017 Arthur Ashe Kids’s Day at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, Queens. Thanks to the Center, which donated 25 tickets to the event, our families were able to see tennis pros Roger Federer, Rafa Nadal and Venus Williams in action as well as enjoy Radio Disney’s free concert featuring Skylar Stecker, Spencer Sutherland, Aja9, Summer Valentine and Sky Katz!

Microsoft Hosts WLG Youth at LinkedIn Training

Youth workers from our Work, Learn, and Grow (WLG) Program participated in a LinkedIn Training session on networking, professional branding, and creating a successful LinkedIn profile, hosted by Microsoft. They also joined in an Entrepreneurship Training on following through with passions and goals and creating successful business plans. In teams, they pitched their ideas to the class of “investors” and were rated on concept and presentation.

CCBQ Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Worker Featured in the Queens Ledger

One of our Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) assistants, Jazha Thompson, was recently featured in the Queens Ledger. Sixteen-year-old Jazha aspires to be a professional basketball player. This is her second year with SYEP and she works in the central office in Brooklyn. Jazha said, “SYEP taught me how to talk to people over the phone, take notes, and also how to behave in a professional office!”

Visit our press page on www.ccbq.org to read the full coverage of our SYEP program by the Queens Ledger.
First Lady Chirlane McCray Visits Queens for "City Hall in Your Borough"

First Lady Chirlane McCray, Chair of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, recently visited Voces Latinas, a community-based organization in Jackson Heights, Queens, for Hispanic women who have suffered domestic violence and who are at high risk of becoming infected with HIV. CCBQ is the Mental Health Provider selected by the Mayor's Fund to train Voces Latinas staff to improve access to much-needed mental health care in that neighborhood. First Lady McCray discussed the successes and benefits of the Voces Latinas and CCBQ partnership and learned more of our efforts at ending the mental illness stigma in the Latino community. This visit was part of Mayor Bill de Blasio's "City Hall in Your Borough" initiative, a series of town halls and community program visits by the de Blasio administration.

Commissioner Banks Visits Homebase in Queens

Also part of Mayor Bill de Blasio's "City Hall in Your Borough" initiative, Commissioner Steven Banks, Head of the NYC Human Resources Administration Department of Social Services visited CCBQ's Homebase Homelessness Prevention in Jamaica, Queens. Commissioner Banks listened to concerns of over 20 Homebase participants. CCBQ is one of 7 community providers throughout New York City funded to help households on the brink of homelessness remain in their communities and avoid entering shelters. Homebase remains the cornerstone of the City's homelessness prevention efforts, crafting individualized assistance to meet the needs of each household. Among the services that are offered are: eviction prevention, obtaining public benefits, emergency rental assistance, education and job placement assistance, financial counseling, and relocation assistance.

Saints Joachim & Anne Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Celebration

The Saints Joachim & Anne Nursing and Rehabilitation Center recently celebrated the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Msgr. Alfred P. LoPinto, President & CEO of CCBQ. The home also unveiled its newly renovated dining hall, Luna Café. Residents, family, friends and staff later enjoyed appetizers, barbecue, ice cream, cotton candy, music and fun games in the center’s outdoor commons overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in Coney Island, Brooklyn.
Thank you to all our sponsors of our special events, which raise funds to benefit our programs and services for children and youth, adults and seniors, those struggling with mental illness, and the formerly homeless.

Charles F. Murphy, Senior Vice President, Turner Construction Co., was honored by Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens (CCBQ) at the 2017 Bishop’s Humanitarian Award Dinner at Cipriani Wall Street in Manhattan. Along with Murphy, Elizabeth Mary Lutas, MD, FACP, FACC, Attending Physician, Brightpoint Health, was presented the Ubi Deus Ibi Caritas Award, and Joseph F. Collins, III, Retired, Senior Vice President, Neuberger Berman Trust Co., was honored with the Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Service Award. More than 600 guests were in attendance, and the fundraiser grossed $1,100,000.

Pictured (l. to r.): Ken Rosato, anchor, WABC-TV, who served as emcee of the event; Charles F. Murphy, SVP, Turner Construction Co.; Reverend Monsignor Alfred LoPinto, President & CEO, CCBQ; Dr. Elizabeth Mary Lutas, Attending Physician, BrightPoint Health; Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D., Bishop of Brooklyn; Joseph F. Collins, III, Retired, SVP, Neuberger Berman Trust Co.; and Very Reverend Patrick J. Keating, Deputy CEO, CCBQ.

Members of the 2017 Bishop’s Coat of Arms Club attended a Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, PhD, DD, Bishop of Brooklyn, and then enjoyed a brunch at Bishop DiMarzio’s Residence. New members this year: Mr. & Mrs. John Amato; Mr. John M. Brennan; Mr. & Mrs. Ed Dougherty; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Ferrara / Joseph A. Ferrara & Joan Ferrara Family Foundation; Mr. & Mrs. John Fryson; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lagnese; Mr. Austin McCann; Mr. & Mrs. George McCartney; Mr. Anibal Sabater; and Deacon & Mrs. John Warren. In addition, we extend a special thank you to this year’s Ruby Red Circle members, an honorary society for those who make a supplemental gift to assist those in need throughout Brooklyn and Queens.
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CCBQ recently hosted the 2017 Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Memorial Golf Classic at Sands Point Golf Club. Proceeds benefitted our early childhood services, and funds raised from the 50/50 Raffle were donated to Puerto Rico Relief. We thank all our sponsors, with a special thanks to Peter Striano, CEO of Unity International Group, for helping us host the event.
2017 Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens

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