Regional Roundup

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Providence Housing Development Corporation

In early December, Providence Housing Development Corporation was informed that it had been awarded $366,467 from the Federal Home Loan Bank for capital improvements to the Elizabeth Blackwell Apartments (formerly the YMAC) in Geneva. The 30 unit facility has housed low income persons, senior citizens and persons with disabilities since it was opened in 2000. The funding will be used to address a number of structural issues which have arisen over the years, especially relating to the foundation and roof. The Elizabeth Blackwell Apartments are one of 25 facilities for low income, elderly and individuals with special needs managed by Providence.

Camp Stella Maris

As 2016 comes to a close, so does the 90th season of Camp Stella Maris. A near record number of campers experienced the joy that a week of Camp brings. During this Christmas season, Camp leadership remembers those who have offered their gifts of talent and treasure throughout the special year. Over 150 of our area’s brightest young adults worked as counselors this summer. Their commitment to spiritual growth, safety, and role modeling continues to have a lasting effect on the children they serve. The Charles M. Bayer Campsite Program, which partners with Diocesan and Social Service organizations as well as individual families, provided needed funds to Camp scholarships for over 300 children in 2016. Funded by individual donations and special fundraising events, this program has provided financial assistance to between 10 and 15 percent of resident Camp enrollment since 1977. From all of us at CLM, we wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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Christmas Appeal

Zumiez Foundation

Each year Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester receives a donation of coats, gloves, hats, socks, hooded sweatshirts and blankets from the Zumiez Foundation. The Foundation gives warm clothes to people who need them, especially during tough times by finding organizations in local Catholic communities and partnering with them to give away the clothing they purchase. This year we were pleasantly surprised when the donation arrived. The boxes contained: 192 Men’s Coats, 120 Women’s Coats, 142 Children’s Coats, 72 Men’s Hooded Sweatshirts, 48 Women’s Hooded Sweatshirts, 1 Box of Assorted T-Shirts, 20 Packages of Hats (each package contains 12 hats), 264 Pairs of Gloves, 80 Pairs of Socks (each package contains 12 pairs), 14 Boxes of Blankets. Ruth Barone, Executive Assistant to Jack Balinsky along with Ruth Marchetti and two marvelous volunteers from CFC (Lisa Reaves and Stephen Wallace), were able to complete the sorting in a little over 4 hours. After the sorting was all done, it was an amazing sight to see all the labeled boxes lined up and ready for pickup.

Father Trott Award Presented to Diocesan Director

As parson of St. Joseph parish in Livonia in the early 1990’s, Father Bill Trott was instrumental in working for the establishment in 1995 of Catholic Charities of Livingston County. He was a wise parson, known especially for his care for vulnerable individuals. He literally would give the coat off his back, or provide shelter in his rectory for homeless persons. After his sudden, and unexpected death in 1996, the Board of Catholic Charities of Livingston County established the Father Bill Trott Award to honor outstanding leadership in Catholic Charities.

The annual award recognizes an individual whose work in the Diocese of Rochester has the character of Father Trott with regard to Catholic Charities. The award is presented to the individual by Bishop Wayne McVey during the Red Carpet Christmas Gala.

In recognizing this year’s award recipient, Bishop McVey stated, “Father Trott’s commitment to spiritual growth, safety, and role modeling continues to have a lasting effect on the children they serve.”

In presenting the award, Bishop McVey noted “Father Trott was known for his ability to bring people together in the spirit of service and compassion. We are honored to recognize Jack Batchler as this year’s recipient of the Father Trott Award.”

Bill Batchler, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Livingston County, expressed his appreciation for the award “Father Trott was a dear friend of mine. I am deeply honored and grateful to receive the Father Trott Award from Bishop McVey and the Board of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester.”

The award is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to Catholic Charities of Livingston County and exhibited the compassion and concern for vulnerable persons so central to Father Trott’s life.
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I am trying to be more involved in CCLC because you help get you where you want to go. I had no money for rent. I had a house, but I have to live in my car. I am trying to get a job interview for a job.

Catholic Charities of Schuyler County

The Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded Catholic Charities of Schuyler County $13 million over four years to integrate primary care into the agency’s behavioral health services. This funding will allow CFC to locate primary care clinicians at its primary care facilities to provide comprehensive care for individuals suffering from potentially manageable chronic conditions. TFCMH locations across the county will have a provider who can manage common medical health conditions, which will lead to improved outcomes and reduced hospitalization. This new initiative will also allow CFC to provide outreach to an even broader range of individuals who are accessing behavioral health services for the first time or who are in transition to community-based care.

In addition to providing care to individuals and families, the project will include a comprehensive community health improvement plan that is tailored to each county’s specific needs and will focus on areas such as physical activity, nutrition, and obesity.

In Schuyler County, the project will focus on improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs by providing comprehensive care to members of the community who are at risk of developing chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and mental health conditions. The project will also help to reduce healthcare costs by reducing hospitalizations and readmissions, improving care coordination, and addressing social determinants of health.

Our Catholic Charities of Schuyler County has established partnerships with the County Health Department, local hospitals, and other community organizations to ensure that all residents have access to the care they need. The project is expected to help reduce healthcare costs for the county and improve the overall health of the community.

Catholic Charities of Schuyler County

The Catholic Charities of Schuyler County is proud to deliver services that improve the lives of people in need. The agency has a long history of serving the community and has provided a wide range of services to support individuals and families.

Community Services

The Catholic Charities of Schuyler County provides a variety of programs to meet the needs of individuals and families in Schuyler County. These programs include emergency services, food assistance, and other community resources.

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Since then the award has been given annually to an individual or individuals who have made a significant contribution to Catholic Charities of Livingston County and exhibited the compassion and concern for vulnerable persons so central to Father Trott’s life. This year at the second annual Red Carpet Christmas Gala, held at the Valley View Event Center in Geneseo, Catholic Charities presented the 2016 Father Trott Award to Diocesan Director Jack Balinsky.

In a letter informing Jack that he was given this award, Board President Jeff Paoluccio wrote: “Anyone that knows you, Jack, sees you as a selfless person and a great reformer. You have been witnessed as someone who works hard for the destitute, the needy, and the poor. You really have been a beacon of light for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester and all of its branches. You have worked tirelessly for several decades and proved that social change can happen for the betterment of society.”

In his acceptance remarks, Jack thanked the entire family of Catholic Charities of Livingston County for being an inspiration to his life and truly carrying out the Gospel mandate to love and serve our neighbor. Livingston County for being an inspiration to his life and truly carrying out the Gospel mandate to love and serve our neighbor.