

The generosity of
people of faith, in their
support of the diocesan
Thanks Giving Appeal,
directly supports the
leadership and programs of
Catholic Charities.
Thanksgiving Appeal
dollars also enable the
agencies to substantially
leverage local, state and
private funding for the wide
range of services that
impact the needs
of the poor.


Your talents are needed to help
those in need, and to work for
justice and peace.

Your parish Social Ministry Committee
invites you to:

- ❖ Bring "good news to the poor"
in a society where millions lack even the
bare necessities to life;
- ❖ Bring "liberty to captives"
when so many are enslaved by poverty,
addiction, ignorance, discrimination, vio-
lence or disabling conditions;
- ❖ Bring "new sight to the blind"
in a culture where excessive pursuit of
power or pleasure can spiritually blind us
to the dignity and rights of others;
- ❖ "Set the downtrodden free"
in communities where crime, racism, eco-
nomic and moral forces leave people with-
out real hope.

For further information, read Luke 4:18.

DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
**Catholic
Charities**



Our Volunteers

No report on the work of Catholic Charities in the diocese of
Rochester would be complete without recognizing the hundreds of
volunteers who donate their time, treasure and talent to serving
those in need.

We first recognize the many volun-
teers who work in parish social min-
istry committees in nearly every
parish in the Diocese. Parish volun-
teers are involved in the gamut of
activities from provision of food,
clothing and emergency assistance to
needy individuals and families, all
the way to sophisticated advocacy
on healthcare reform and environ-
mental issues.

In addition, many Catholic Charities
programs could not go forward
without significant volunteer input:

Some 35-40 professionals are vital to
the Cayuga County "Families in
Transition" series. Their volunteer
time and expertise are invaluable
within the workshops and behind
the scenes.

The Southern Tier Community Food

bank program depends upon the
work of hundreds of volunteers in
soup kitchens and food pantries.

At Catholic Family Center, over
2000 volunteers provide assistance
to hundreds of individuals each year.
They deliver groceries to the elderly,
teach English to refugees, operate
hot lines, teach computer skills to the
homeless, provide child care and
direct athletic programs for youth.

Volunteers associated with Catholic
Charities Community & Residential
Services enhance the quality of life
for program participants.

A special tribute goes to Board mem-
bers, not only of the Diocesan Board
of Catholic Charities, but also to those
of our regional agencies. Their count-
less hours of participation provide
leadership and direction to our efforts.

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