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Monsignor Patrick R. Leary
Chief Executive Officer

Thank You for
Giving
Help and Hope

The weather in Southern Nevada is finally cooling off; cooler mornings promise the day's activities will not be held hostage to an energy draining heat.

Although the temperature is cooler, we are hotter than ever with activities that give energy to people most in need. Hope energizes and motivates people and allows them to see beyond the burdens of today.

Like cooler weather, you know it's coming, but it does not mean much until you feel the first cool morning. What we present in this newsletter are people who take the time to "cool off" the fears and frustrations generated by these uncertain times.

Their presence in the lives of our clients refreshes their spirits, and gives the message that someone cares. Knowing that and with a little help, they can face another day with hope that better days are coming.

Thank you, for making better days possible,
Monsignor Pat

Family Services...Adoption Services...Women, Infants and Children...Senior Services...Foster Grandparent Program...
Respite Care and Supportive Services...Retired & Senior Volunteer Program...Senior Community Services Employment
Program...Senior Companion Program...Telephone Reassurance Program...Senior Nutrition Meals on Wheels
Program...Medical Nutrition Therapy...Social Services...Tenant Based Rental Assistance...Immigration Services...
Migration and Refugee Services...English As A Second Language School...Food Services...St. Vincent Lied Dining
Facility...Meals On Wheels...Plaza Services...Crossroads Transitional Living for Senior Men...Emergency Shelter...
Marian Residence Transitional Living for Senior Women...Resident Empowerment Program...St. Vincent HELP
Apartments...Retail Services...Catholic Charities Thrift Stores...Free Donation Pick-up...Vehicle Donation Program...



Community Partners

SECRETARY OF LABOR

Visit to Catholic Charities

To commemorate September 11th, Catholic Charities was honored to have a very special guest, Hilda Solis, United States Secretary of Labor. She spent the day with us volunteering her time at the St. Vincent Lied Dining Room and touring the Catholic Charities facility to learn more about our programs.



Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor serving a special Italian meal, created by Catholic Charities Executive Chef, Juan Carlos Penate, in honor of September 11th.



SPIEDINI WINE TASTING

Benefiting Catholic Charities

On September 16th Spiedini Italian Ristorante held its 4th Annual Wine Tasting benefiting Catholic Charities. The delightful evening included a silent auction, fine wine, artisan cheese and culinary creations by Master Chef Gustav Mauler. We would like to say thank you to our generous sponsors: Southern Wine & Spirits of Nevada, US Foodservice and Spiedini Italian Ristorante.



*Our gracious hosts,
Master Chef Gustav and Denise Mauler.*



Special thanks to students from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for volunteering their time during the event.

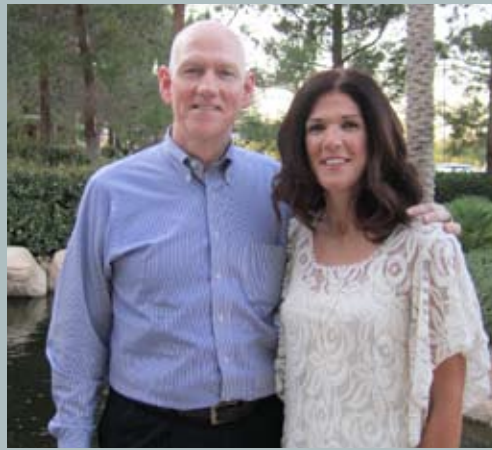


Thank you to all of those who contributed to the success of this year's event!





Congressman Joe Heck and wife Lisa.



County Commissioner Larry Brown and wife Celeste.



Senior Management team at Catholic Charities - Vice Presidents: Patrick Raglow, Phillip Hollon, Dawn Davis, Pat Falvey, Monsignor Leary (CEO) and Carisa Lopez-Ramirez (front).



Board of Trustees members with friends.



Former Executive Director, Ed Skonicki; Monsignor Patrick Leary and Clairmarie Slaveck.



THRIFT STORE GRAND OPENING

Catholic Charities Retail & Senior Services

On September 30th Catholic Charities celebrated the Grand Opening of its third thrift store in the valley. Catholic Charities Senior Corps Program offices and training room relocated to this location. The event was commemorated with a few special words from Congresswoman Shelley Berkley's office, Congressman Joe Heck's office, Office of the Governor and County Commissioner Mary Beth Scow. Special thanks to our community partners who helped make this store opening possible: Albertsons, The Equity Group, Korte Construction, Nevada State Bank, Clark County Government Offices, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, The Management Team, Sherwin Williams and Titanium Construction.



Terri Janison, Office of the Governor and Catholic Charities Board of Trustees member; Monsignor Patrick Leary Chief Executive Officer; Mary Beth Scow, Clark County Commissioner; Diane Hutton, Catholic Charities Retail Services Director; Patrick Raglow, Vice President of Administration and Doreen Owens, Department of Labor.

The items donated to Catholic Charities and goods sold at our thrift stores help fulfill the needs of our clients of our many social service programs. Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our southern Nevada community!





Sherry Fehrmann, Congressman Joe Heck's Office; Diane Hutton, Retail Services Director and Rocio Cordeiro, Assistant Store Manager.

As the new home of our Senior Services programs, this store also offers a training opportunity for men in the Resident Empowerment Program. Offering our retail team help at our donation center and throughout our three thrift stores. This unique opportunity helps the men in our program to gain real world experience and build self-confidence towards becoming self-sufficient.



Nicki Coval from Congresswoman Shelley Berkley's Office and Kimberly Kindig, Catholic Charities Senior Services Director.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Together In Southern Nevada

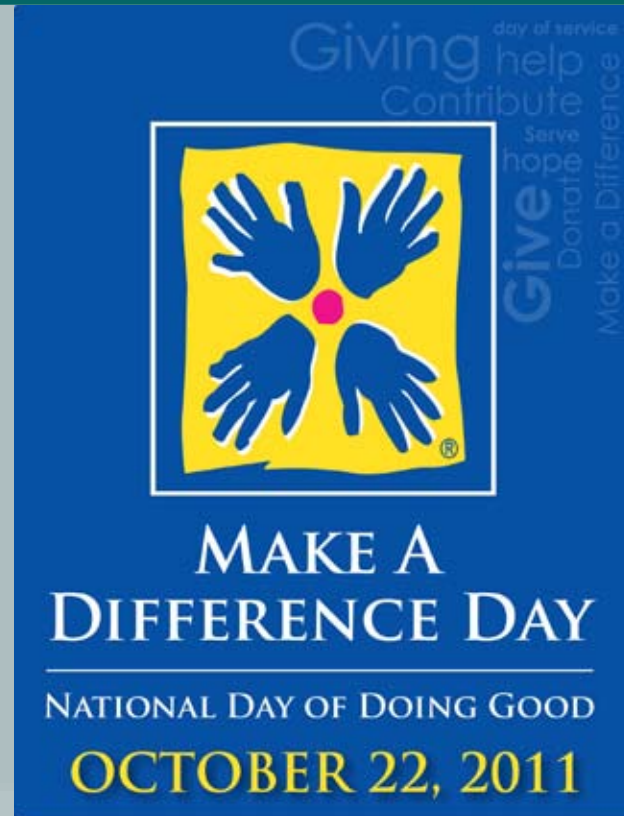
Recognizing that there is strength in numbers, Albertsons and five of the largest non-profit organizations in Southern Nevada are teaming up for the first time to help thousands of families throughout the city in the first annual "Greater Las Vegas Together" event.

Food, clothing, household items, furniture and toothbrushes will be collected in honor of *National Make a Difference Day*, Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at all Las Vegas-area Albertsons stores. The Albertsons on Flamingo and Durango Drive will serve as the "Greater Las Vegas Together" headquarters. Non-profit partners (and the benefactors of the donated items) include Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, Goodwill of Southern Nevada, The Salvation Army, Three Square Food Bank and United Way of Southern Nevada.

Catholic Charities will have a truck parked at each of the following stores and directly benefit from items donated at the following Albertsons locations:

Flamingo Road & Maryland Parkway - 1300 E. Flamingo
Maryland Parkway & Sahara Ave - 2575 S. Maryland Parkway
Rainbow Blvd & Charleston Blvd - 1001 S. Rainbow Blvd
Nellis Blvd & Vegas Valley Drive - 2835 S. Nellis Blvd
Charleston Blvd & Bruce - 1760 E. Charleston Blvd
Boulder Hwy & Tropicana Ave - 5500 Boulder Highway
Desert Inn Road & Pecos Road - 2885 E. Desert Inn Road
Lake Mead Blvd & Hollywood Blvd - 6885 E. Lake Mead Blvd
Flamingo Road & Durango Drive - 4055 S. Durango

Come join the fun and help Make A Difference in someone's life!





Program Highlights

VEGAS PBS FEATURE

Migration & Refugee Services

Set your DVR's! On Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30 p.m. Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services will be featured on Vegas PBS Channel 10. This local documentary, *Her Profile in Courage: Refugees* - looks at three women who fled their homelands in fear for their lives and are now making new ones in Las Vegas. On Tuesday, October 11th at 10 p.m. will mark the beginning of a multipart national series of *Women War & Peace*. Compelling and powerful stories of women around the world and the challenges they have endured.
<http://vegaspbs.org/index.aspx?NID=1151>

ALBERTSONS

Supporting Clients in Need

Albertsons donated their Summer close-outs to Catholic Charities! The donation included a variety of fun items that will provide a special treat for clients visiting Catholic Charities for services. Thank you for thinking of us and supporting our southern Nevada community!

Pictured right: Phillip Hollon, Vice President of Plaza Services accepts donation from Dan Williams, Albertsons Store Director.



PROST LAS VEGAS

Helping Our Community

Special thanks to PROST Las Vegas for a donation of \$500 to help struggling families in Las Vegas. Your continued support allows Catholic Charities to make a difference in the lives of thousands of needy and homeless men, women and children in our valley.

Pictured right: Monsignor Patrick Leary accepting donation from Ann Geskes, President PROST Las Vegas.



Resident Empowerment Program



Meet Dylan, one of the newest employees of Catholic Charities. Dylan came to Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter in August of 2011. He said, "I could not believe I found myself in this situation, I worked my whole life since the age of fifteen" Dylan is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and until recently made a

decent living working with a construction supply company. A reduction in workforce caused him to lose his job. Trying to live off of unemployment, making ends meet, was difficult and once that was exhausted he came to us for help. Within days he joined our Resident Empowerment Program and has progressed each step of the way. Dylan is now employed full time and working on getting his own apartment. As part of the Resident Empowerment Program, *Program Assistants*, helps a variety of Catholic Charities' programs with various tasks. Dylan has a background in customer service and retail, the first day he was assigned to the help at the Thrift Store, he came with resume in hand!

"I could not have done it without your help," he says, "I can't thank them enough, I am very grateful to my case managers - Sabrina, Antonio, Jimmy and Maurice for helping me." As part of Dylan's case plan, he will be moving into the St. Vincent HELP Apartments next week. There he will gain another two years of support.

Dylan, you are an inspiration to the men in the program and we commend you for that. Thank you and keep up the great work!



Dylan stocking store shelves in preparation for the grand opening of our Eastern Thrift Store location.





Recognition

LAS VEGAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Customer Service Excellence



Master of Ceremonies - Tina Patel, KTNV Channel 13 News Anchor; Linda Summers, Catholic Charities Human Resources Director; Dawn Davis, Catholic Charities Vice President of Food Services and Monsignor Patrick Leary, Chief Executive Officer.

On September 9th, Catholic Charities Human Resources Director, Linda Summers and Dawn Davis, Vice President of Food Services were recipients of Customer Service Excellence Awards. The *Customer Service Excellence* program was created and is managed by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority to ensure that visitors and residents alike get the best customer service in the world right here in Las Vegas. The ceremony honored recipients' dedication and service to their community. Great job ladies!

ANNOUNCING

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada is proud to name Patricia W. Falvey as its new Vice President for Development. Falvey has been with the agency for 18 months. As Vice President for Development, Falvey will direct all of Catholic Charities' fundraising efforts and be an active participant in development of the agency's strategic plans. She will lead all activities associated with the annual fund, public, corporate and foundation relations, special events, individual giving, endowment, planned giving, and communications and marketing.





Volunteers

UNLV CHEER SQUADS

Helping Those In Need



University of Nevada Las Vegas Cheer Squad members spent their Saturday with us volunteering at the Social Services Community Food Pantry and serving meals at the St. Vincent Lied Dining Facility.

Thank you for your help!



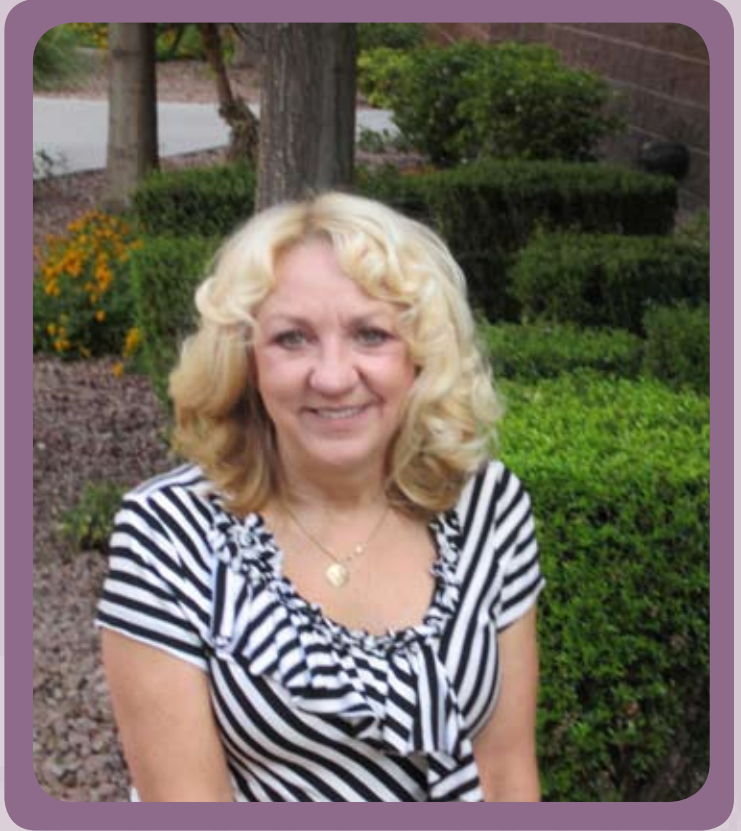


Meet the Staff

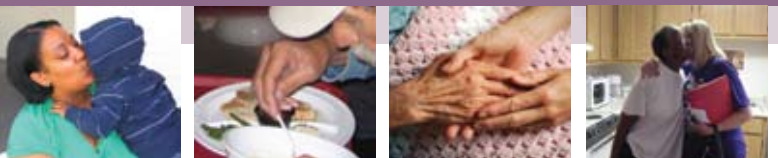
Meet Linda Summers, Catholic Charities Human Resources Director. With twenty years of successful practical field tested experience, Linda has made Human Resources work for organizations and companies across the Las Vegas Valley. A native of Las Vegas, Mrs. Summers has worked in a number of management roles in Human Resources fostering development and training programs that are still being used by area leaders today.

Fueled with a passion that every employee needs an advocate she has made it her mission to empower and educate those she works with. She stops at nothing to change the face of Human Resources in every organization from a place of dread to customer service central station.

Linda's motto is "I won't say I can't, but I will say I won't". Mrs. Summers has been married for 28 years and the proud mother of three successful children and a doting Nana to Dylan who brings her the most joy. Thank you Linda for all you do and your assistance to our Catholic Charities team.



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Giving Help and Giving Hope
to people in need regardless of race, religion or creed.