

Catholic Charities Maine making every penny count

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Spring Appeal Raises Over \$100,000!

Although the Appeal just closed on June 30, and we are still tallying the final numbers, we topped \$100,000, more than \$23,000 over last year in round numbers! Thank you to all who answered the call to help those in need. Your gift — no matter the size — is critical in helping us fulfill our mission of helping Mainers of all faiths find help and hope.

Sharing a World of Riches

Every June 20th, the world commemorates the strength, courage, and resilience of millions of refugees — this year, we here in Maine celebrated our commitment to welcoming strangers into our communities with three festive events in Lewiston, Greater Portland/Westbrook, and at the Blaine House.

Approximately 400 Mainers, natives and newcomers, gathered to share a smorgasbord of good food, hear stories from refugees like Ekhlash Ahmed from Sudan and Hawreh Haddadi from Iran, and enjoy performances from the Westbrook High School Step Team, Dancers from South Sudan, and Africa Dundada. In addition to children's activities, like a bounce house and map-making, transport was provided for residents of the temporary shelter at the Expo, allowing them to share in the celebration. Thanks to all who joined us — we'll see you next year!



Pictured: (left) World Refugee Day attendees; (right) Governor Janet Mills and Steve Letourneau

Wise Words and a Generous Gift

Donors come in all sizes and ages — just take 5th grader Carter S., who recently donated his winnings from the Kennebunk Portside Rotary Club essay contest to Catholic Charities Maine! Born with a condition known as nystagmus, an involuntary eye movement that can lead to reduced vision or even blindness, Carter considers himself lucky:

"I have a vision specialist from Catholic Charities that visits me about once a month to help me use my vision at its best. She always has ideas for me to help improve my vision in the classroom."

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As Carter says in his essay, "Wouldn't it be great if all children and adults could get help for what they needed every day free? Imagine if lots of people could not get help and had to suffer through their whole life. In my opinion, everyone should donate to Catholic Charities Maine because they do amazing things to help people."

Thanks, Carter! We think you're pretty amazing, too!

Thanks for Taking a STAND with Us



What do you get when you take a handful of important causes, a stunning seaside location, and add a generous group of friends? One of our most popular events: STAND, a night of bidding, sipping, dancing, and making an impact on some of today's most urgent issues: hunger relief, refugees, seniors, children, mental health, and addiction!

Thanks to all who joined us May 31st at SMCC. Together we raised just over \$18,000 — now that's worth standing up and cheering!

See STAND event photos at www.ccmaine.org/STAND-eventpix.

Grants of Note

In the last several months, we received good news from grant-makers, which means great news for those we serve. We have received:

\$35,000 from the Sewall Foundation in operating support, to be used by agency where most needed;

\$25,000 from Maine Health Access Foundation for technical assistance from a national expert in dental center operations, to implement practice improvements (in scheduling, billing, operations, policies);

\$24,000 from United Way Aroostook County for Hunger and Relief program that supports 2 food banks supplying 22 food pantries that serve 23,000 people county wide; and

\$136,190 from United Way Greater Portland for 4 grants to: support the ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) program serving people with severe and persistent mental illness, Independent Support Services to provide Care Coordination to seniors, the Career Development Program to provide employment case management to asylum seekers, and St. Elizabeth's Child Development Center.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Community Partners!

Launched earlier this year, our Community Partners program aims to help local businesses get more out of their corporate giving by directly impacting Maine's most important social issues. Many thanks to the following partners who have joined us, and whose support is already making a difference as we work to provide help and hope to our most vulnerable neighbors across Maine:

Platinum (\$20,000)



Silver (\$10,000)



Bronze (\$7,500)



Friend (\$2,500)



To find out how your company can become a Community Partner and help us make a difference here in Maine, visit www.ccmaine.org/donate/community-partners.