

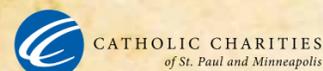
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# Now, your gifts will go twice as far



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Last year, your donations provided more than one million meals to those suffering from hunger. You provided more than 452,000 nights of shelter for those who are homeless. And you provided care, compassion and hope to more than 3,200 children who experienced abuse, neglect or violence. You are true angels to those we serve.

Catholic Charities serves anyone who comes to us, regardless of faith or circumstance. If you are hungry and need a place to sleep, we will help you. This spring we are fortunate to have families willing to match any gift made by June 30 up to \$250,000, meaning your gifts will go twice as far to help those who are suffering! Please consider a gift to Catholic Charities at this critical time. We are so grateful for all you do!

Tina Palmer  
Vice President of Development

WITH YOUR HELP, OUR VISION FOR A NEW DOROTHY DAY CENTER IS RISING UP!

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOICE

MAY / JUNE 2016

# A vision advances

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New vision for  
Dorothy Day Center  
Phase II

# Goldens rule at St. Joe's King Hall

About every other Friday, the children in King Hall at St. Joseph's Home for Children await special visitors.

For the last nine years, Lisa Bugman has been bringing her therapy pets to the Catholic Charities' site. Golden Retrievers Ella, Piper and Ivy have become trusted friends to the children there.

"Ella, Piper and Ivy usually bring a calming effect to the kids here," said Joan Ahrendt, a principal youth counselor in King Hall. Children in King Hall range from six to 12-years-old.

Sometimes, kids will cuddle up with one of the dogs while they practice reading out loud. Ella, Piper and Ivy are great listeners. On a recent beautiful spring day, Ivy played fetch with the children outside. The dogs are great playmates.

"I like to see how the kids respond. So many times, they come out of their shells," Ahrendt said. "It's good for the dogs, too. It's stimulating for them to be around kids."

Children often come through our doors because of trauma they experienced in their home. The safe environment provided by St. Joe's is key to helping them overcome emotional barriers.

Many children at St. Joseph's Home for Children have not learned the proper way to treat a dog. The therapy pets teach them to be gentle and how to interact and play with dogs. While puppy love can't solve all of their problems, the simple act of petting a dog who loves unconditionally can go a long way.



**"There will continue to be a place to provide refuge, hope and opportunity to those who need it most. All of us – all of you – are helping to make it happen."** —Mary Brainerd, President and CEO HealthPartners and Co-Chair, Dorothy Day Campaign

*On an early May morning, more than 400 leaders in the business, civic and faith communities, donors and volunteers came to Catholic Charities' Dorothy Day Center for the 2016 Dorothy Day Community Breakfast.*



It was an historic event for Catholic Charities, as it was the last community breakfast before the existing Dorothy Day Center is razed to make way for the Saint Paul Opportunity Center and Dorothy Day Residence.

Community support was evident at the breakfast, where it was announced nearly 80 percent – \$31 million – of the \$40 million

private fundraising goal has been secured for the Dorothy Day Capital Campaign.

Dorothy Day Community Service Awards were presented to Securian Financial Group and the Dorothy Day Center Overflow Shelter Volunteers.

The overflow volunteers, comprised of men hailing from metro parishes, have given more than 12,200 hours of volunteer service. In addition to their generous financial support, employees from Securian Financial Services have been volunteering at Dorothy Day Center for the last 15 years.

Special thanks to Founding Sponsor Church of the Assumption and all of our breakfast sponsors who made this special event possible.

Every day, you are helping the children and families of North Minneapolis. In their own words, families who depend on Northside Child Development Center share their gratitude.

# Stories of Thanks

Cortez, Nasir and Najila



"I dream that I will soon be able to provide for my children without the help of childcare assistance. Northside, and you, contribute to that goal by providing me with an opportunity to work toward becoming assistance-free."

Desiree, Dorian and Diondre



"My hopes and dreams for my family are for my children to grow up believing they can excel and achieve success. Northside contributes to those dreams through positively impacting the lives of my children through encouragement, exposure to different experiences that go beyond their daily experiences and also by evolving and growing with them. Thank you for providing strong and crucial support for early learning and development!"

Ashley, Sanaj, Ramadon, Nassier and Regina



"I hope my family will be able to have all the advantages that are available. Northside has been a second family to us—a support system in hard times and a helping hand. I feel so grateful to you and to Northside for helping myself and my children through our growth."

Charles, Jasmine and Kamren



"We dream that our child will be smart, have a good education and go to college. Northside Child Development Center helps our child grow. Because of you, he learns new things every day!"

## With your help Realizing a new vision

An amazing transformation has been happening in the heart of Saint Paul since last summer. Because of your support, we are realizing our new vision for the Dorothy Day Center.

The old Labor Building at 411 Main was demolished last August to make way for Higher Ground Saint Paul. Workers are making swift progress on the building, which will include shelter and housing, providing refuge, hope and community to those who need it most.

Those who are homeless will no longer sleep crowded on a hard floor, but have their own bunk in the shelter. Clients on the Pay For Stay floor will pay a nominal fee to sleep in a reserved bunk each night and, when time comes for a place of their

own, that money will go toward securing that dream. Single room, permanent homes will be above the shelters, with areas and programs to meet the needs of veterans, late stage alcoholic women and those with significant medical challenges.

Higher Ground Saint Paul is but the first step toward the new vision. Another homeless men and women have moved out of Catholic Charities' Dorothy Day Center on Old Sixth Street, the building will be demolished to make way for Saint Paul Opportunity Center and Dorothy Day Residence.

The Opportunity Center in Minneapolis, which is the model for this new vision, provides those in need with services to help them reach pathways out of poverty.

Services, including meals, laundry, veterans services and job search assistance are invaluable to those we serve. Soon, those in Saint Paul will benefit from the same level of care.

We have come so far, but we still have work to do.

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## Working hard to get back to working

"I'm kind of stuck in a rut, but I'll get out of it," Jerry, 50, said while sitting in the cafeteria at Catholic Charities' Dorothy Day Center, just a few feet from the spot he sleeps on the floor each night.

Jerry, with his bright green eyes and hearty laugh, is well known at Dorothy Day Center. He has a dogged determination to rise up out of homelessness and is not afraid to work hard to get there.

Jerry, while homeless, is an active volunteer at Dorothy Day Center.

He cleans the kitchen after meals, washes dishes, empties trash, sets out mats for other homeless men and women to sleep on and does whatever

else needs to be done. He does this while his right arm is in a cast. The broken arm might keep him from securing a job, it doesn't keep him from working.

"I just try to keep busy. I don't like to sit around and I don't like to get caught up in stuff," he said. "Until my arm is better, there are a lot of different ways I can keep busy."

Jerry dreams of a place of his own, but he is thankful Dorothy Day Center is there when he needs a place to sleep or a hot meal to eat.

"I would love to have my own place but, financially, I just can't do it," he said. "Getting back to work, that's what I'm shooting for. From there, hopefully I can have my own place."



Members of the HealthPartners leadership team served dinner to nearly 300 people at the Dorothy Day Center this spring. The team included Mary Brainerd, Chief Executive Officer and President of HealthPartners and co-chair of the Dorothy Day Center Capital Campaign, and Kathy Cooney, executive vice

president and CAO at HealthPartners and Chair of the Catholic Charities Board of Directors.

HealthPartners is providing leadership and support in so many ways as we advance a new vision for the Dorothy Day Center, including a tremendous philanthropic investment of \$500,000 toward the capital campaign!

**Thank you, HealthPartners!**



