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Moving forward together to advance our mission

Much has changed since 1869 when Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis was founded—and Catholic Charities continues to evolve in response, cementing our place as a critical part of the region’s social and civic infrastructure.

Our community now faces a crossroads. Despite a strong economy, people are experiencing periods of deep poverty; our child protection systems are fielding increasing reports and families and seniors need our support. Additionally, our current civic culture has coarsened and long-standing racial divides persist, making it more difficult to find common ground and relate to one another.

We are poised to build on our years of leadership in the community and continue to evolve to meet the needs of the region today while staying rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and our mission to serve those most in need. We hope you will join us in writing this next chapter of the important role of Catholic Charities in our community.

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This week, Catherine is in her beginning days as a student at Minneapolis College of Art and Design. She’s there to pursue her true passion — art — thanks to the Friends of MCAD Scholarship, which provides $48,000.

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The comfort of home

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Wishing Bill and all the other tenants at Community House the best of luck in their journey. For more information about Catholic Charities, visit cctwincities.org.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Every day, we notice more progress on the construction of Saint Paul Opportunity Center and Dorothy Day Residence. You made this all possible. Thank you!
At Catholic Charities’ Northside Child Development Center, we believe providing access to the arts and encouraging creativity at an early age is a key part of developing bright, strong minds for future generations.

Exploring the arts at Northside

This summer, children at Catholic Charities’ Northside Child Development Center worked with artists to create a mural on the exterior of the building.

The colorful piece—created with spray paint—features hopes and dreams of flying birds, a tree to signify strong roots and an image of Mary Eliza Mahoney, the first African-American woman to graduate college. She earned a nursing degree in 1879.

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