As we are once again in the midst of a pandemic, this landscape of community partners that provide important services to those less fortunate is in less than 100% health and wellness as they continue to offer their services. We are so grateful to have our Front Line staff and volunteers work so hard during this pandemic. We've witnessed the true compassion and heroism of the essential workers in our front line staff and the 23,000 hours that will help protect older adults, the sheer amount of face coverings that will help protect those who are working on the front line of this health crisis.

**Succeeding on all counts.**

I worked daily at the above and beyond obligations of our staff and the generous efforts of our clients. This pandemic has broadened the scope of our work and many hours have been devoted to providing increased patience, ingenuity and expertise to our services and how we serve them. A big thanks to all our staff and clients for their ongoing efforts.

There are so many heroes and folks—children and adults alike—who have negotiated this pandemic with grace and determination and I think for many of us, the experience has allowed us to continue to give more to our communities. We are all of us learning and growing from the pandemic.

**Creativity and compassion are now amplified.**

It has been truly amazing! We've witnessed an incredible opportunity. Ramsey County has been an incredible partner and the Community Foundation has been an incredible opportunity. I'm proud to be part of a group that not only takes on their clients, but the Community Foundation also takes steps to support our agency and our work.

**I plan to keep volunteering in the kitchen because the pandemic because I have fallen in love with the staff and the people we serve so quickly.**

**Older homeless adults sheltered at St. Paul hotel.**

“Here are 10 older adults experiencing homelessness. As we enter our downtown, there are many hotels, motels and older folks—children and adults alike—who have negotiated this pandemic with grace and determination,” said Johni Baxter, executive director of Aging & Disability Services.

**A trying time, an amazing time.**

During this trying time, we have been overwhelmed by the support of our donors, volunteers, partners and most of all, our front line staff and clients. The NCDC staff has allowed us to work with our donors and volunteers and really serve our community and those who need the help provided by Catholic Charities. As a result, we have seen a significant increase in our ability to serve our clients. 

**The greater need is now, so step up to help those in need.**

**How do your stay home when you have no home?**

**Together, we’ve got this covered.**

**“You have risen to the challenge. We have been overwhelmed by the support.”**

**The work will never be done.**

**Meet the helpers.**

**The mission of Catholic Charities, our work and how we support others because we support those who are most in need. Some have found it easier to give than to receive. We have an incredible opportunity to serve and be part of something that is bigger than any of us.**

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Gratitude from Minnesota’s leaders.

To our front-line leaders of Catholic Charities all along the way.

I look forward to partnering with something better than normal, and we can reach the goal of creating to normal, we have to get back to many of our Minnesotans, especially for. Normal wasn’t working for so experiencing homelessness need serve and to fight for what people can always been on the front lines, service providers and folks who of Catholic Charities and all of the country, and with COVID-19 we will get through this together.

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Our marriage was about the families who have to children and families are safe because I have no child care. We’re privileged to have leaders.

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Thank you to our long-time partner!

Each morning at sunrise, I look forward to seeing the “Mister Rogers” Neighborhood. I’ve been blessed in my life, and my heart goes out to those who are struggling with having students at home—where he would receive the care and support that he requires. We’re not saying family, but we’re not saying family, is still too afraid to return home. The staff and his case manager have been living outside by himself since of five years that he was leaving him with the expectation he would go home.

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We're in a new kind of marathon.
I couldn't resist this without my "Law and Order" marathons, and I don't think anyone else could either! We are blessed to be in a position to help such a great organization, as you do such a wonderful job helping people that need it the most.

Kevin Dowling
Chair of Six Televisions

Diving head first into the labor pool.
Volunteering as part of the staff has given me another great thing—chance to be useful during this tough time. It is a small thing to social-distance while volunteering for volunteers or a direction, and a big thing to be able to serve meals. I'm glad I've been able to help in small ways, but it's the first time staff have eaten every day who deserve our most profound gratitude. I like doctors and nurses, grocery store workers, delivery drivers and so many others, they are helping get us and move through this. Thank you, thank you, thank you to Catholic Charities' tremendous staff!

Hony Yang
Saint Paul Opportunity Center

We will succeed.
I've been blessed in my life, and my heart goes out to those who are homeless, especially now that we are asked to stay at home—where do you stay when you have no home? We are a community and are called to care for one another. I've been blessed in my life, and my heart goes out to those who are homeless, especially now that we are asked to stay at home—where do you stay when you have no home? We are a community and are called to care for one another.

Mike Rios-Keating
Social Justice Education Manager

For the next 150 years, you can keep giving to your favorite charity. Leave Catholic Charities a charitable bequest, and you create a personal legacy that endures forever. Find out what type of gift works best for you.

Dan Dowling
Burnett Dairy Cooperative

The blessing of feeling useful.
I've never been more than during this time of crisis how blessed I am to have a home, a loving family, and a good job. And Catholic Charities has given me another great thing—chance to be useful during the tough time. It is a small thing to social-distance while volunteering for volunteers or a direction, and a big thing to be able to serve meals. I'm glad I've been able to help in small ways, but it's the first time staff have eaten every day who deserve our most profound gratitude. I like doctors and nurses, grocery store workers, delivery drivers and so many others, they are helping get us and move through this. Thank you, thank you, thank you to Catholic Charities' tremendous staff!

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Afraid to go home.

Jay told his assisted living facility of five years that he was leaving to visit family. Staff packed two weeks’ worth of medications for him with the expectation he would return, but he never visited family. Instead, he bought a tent, and has been living outside by himself since March, mostly without medication. The staff and his case manager have urged him to return home for the care and medication he needs, but he refuses, feeling safer on the streets, while believing he is in danger of contracting COVID-19 if he returns. Jay’s mental health and diabetes symptoms have spiked dramatically since leaving, but he is still too afraid to return home where he would receive the care and support that he requires.

josie z.
aging & disability services

“We’re not saying this is a homeless group of people. We’re privileged to call them guests and provide them that safety factor. These are seniors. They need safety and security just like anyone else.”

Hotel Partner
Hennepin County

Enough cheese to make more than 320,000 sandwiches!

Burnett Dairy Cooperative, based in Grantsburg, Wisconsin, donated 25,000 pounds of cheese to Catholic Charities, which shelters the homeless and finds the poor. The cooperative also delivers to local farmers and schools, helping to sustain the economy.

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Catholic Spirit

Barrett Dairy Cooperative, based in Grantsburg, Wisconsin, donated 25,000 pounds of cheese to Catholic Charities, which shelters the homeless and finds the poor. The cooperative also delivers to local farmers and schools, helping to sustain the economy.

Thank you, Grandma’s Bakery!

Thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor, John Lupo at Grandma’s Bakery delivers over 1,000 donuts and rolls to our housing sites every Friday morning. Thank you for making these difficult days a bit sweeter!

WE NEED YOUR DOLLARS AND YOUR DONUTS! Learn more at cctwincities.org/donate

Northside helps families during the health crisis.

Northside Child Development Center being open during COVID-19 is one of the best things ever. Being in a field where I have to still report to work, I don’t need to worry about losing money or not being able to go to work to support my family. Being a single mother, I don’t have childcare. I love the safe practices that have been offered to ensure our children and families are safe and healthy. A lot of companies (including ours) do not think about the families who have to still go to work today. Thank you NCDC for thinking of us.

Misha Williams
Northside Parent

Seeing the best of the human spirit.

During this difficult time, we have also noticed their creativity. Some of their ideas have been turned into real-life projects. They have taken satisfaction in keeping their surroundings clean and sanitary. Building healthy habits is crucial for their mental health. The staff at Hope Street have been the best of the human spirit and reality in a daily basis.

Rachel Greenwald
Hope Street
Follow us on social media!
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Thank you, Saint Paul Fire Department!

In an incredible display of partnership and community, the Saint Paul Fire Department dropped off nearly 3,000 face coverings that will help protect our front line staff and the 23,000 people we serve! Thank you Saint Paul Fire Department and all of the helpers who made this possible!

The need and efforts are now amplified.

Acts of compassion and heroism.

As we pushed to open a hotel to safeguard older adults, the sheer volume of community partners that came together made it happen in less than 48 hours—something I am humbled by. It took American Airlines, Ramsey County, DHS, our hotel partners, Metro Transit and the Homeless Elders team. There have been times that I felt overwhelmed, but then I would experience another act of compassion and heroism that would soothe my heart and soul. We're going! Together.

Carol and I have long been impressed with the vital work that Catholic Charities is doing. The need and efforts have now been amplified. We've enhanced our volunteering work on hand to adapt services to care for older adults. The pandemic has multiplied the number of the neediest and Catholic Charities cannot provide care without multiplied gifts.

Caring with respect.

Proud to protect and to serve.

The staff Labor Pool has been an amazing experience over the last couple of months. To help our workers and clients at other Catholic Charities sites in a time of uncertainty has been an incredible opportunity. I’m proud to be part of a nonprofit that not only takes care of one of their own—facing their needs, but also takes steps to support and protect that staff.

Older homeless adults sheltered at St. Paul hotel

More than 50 older adults experiencing homelessness in Ramsey County have been provided shelter at an area hotel to help protect them from COVID-19, according to a county spokesman. Ramsey County and a team of other partners transport the group—who are all 60 or older—from Catholic Charities Higher Ground facility to the hotel.

The county is finding their way to help keep up capacity at the Shelter and provide protection for the highest risk residents.

Dane Weiler
Boat of Grace, St. Paul

Succeeding on all counts.

I’m surprised at the above-and-beyond dedication of our staff and the ongoing excellency of our clients. This pandemic for social distancing, screening and any on home orders have caused the need for increased patience, ingenuity and innovation. And we’re succeeding on all counts. Most days, everyone maintains a sense of humor and a “we’re in this together” attitude. There may be darker days on the horizon that I’m afraid we cannot handle. I’m grateful to be part of a cause that helps sustain patience and creativity in the midst of the most vulnerable.

Tracy Berglund, Rochester

Just folks helping other folks.

In this unusual time of crisis, I think we all feel the need to do something to help our fellow citizens. There are so many organizations we could help and folks—celebrities and just plain folk—have started lots of new ones. They are all worthy. I’m sure. I felt I needed to help Catholic Charities in particular because they take care of those who really can’t help themselves in the ways they should during a health crisis like this.

Alva Owen, Northfield

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Thank you, Saint Paul Fire Department!
Creativity with funding options.

During the pandemic, it is especially important to provide for the people who have no other available resources and really need the help provided by Catholic Charities. As a partner in a CPA firm, Patty has heard from clients who are hoping that donor-advised funds and charitable foundations to provide grants to charities such as Catholic Charities to help their mission. Some have found it to be an easier way to make funds available in the face of this health crisis.

JOE & PATTY MARGARITI DONORS

Another day of meeting basic needs.

For the homeless, every day is another day of looking for food and shelter and trying to meet basic needs. And in some ways, this is just a continuance for them. But it’s pretty clear that when a crisis such as we’ve seen hits, the need is truly here. And the homeless are the poorest of the poor.

Bill & Christine Griffith DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

The work will never be done.

The mission of Catholic Charities is to serve those in need, and as such, we support them. We know that any donation will be used to its fullest to benefit individuals and families who need assistance. Catholic Charities is an exceptionally well-run organization with a very professional and dedicated staff. Their work will never be done, our support will always be necessary.

Joe & Shelly Hoesley DONORS

A trying time, an amazing time.

During the trying time, it has been such an amazing opportunity to see how Catholic Charities employees are coming together to work and make us all feel safe for our clients. The staff Labor Pool has allowed us to go to see so many staff and not only learn more about different programs within Catholic Charities, but also get a hands-on experience. It has been truly amazing!

TAKAYLA PFEIFER HOUSING NAVIGATOR

How do you stay home when you have no home?

On the front lines, every day is another day of serving food and doing anything to meet basic needs. And in some ways, this is just a continuance for them. But it’s pretty clear that when a crisis such as we’ve seen hits, the need is truly here. And the homeless are the poorest of the poor.

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