

# Catholic Charities

## *Providing Help. . . Creating Hope*

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### Program Highlights-Domestic Abuse Program

The Domestic Abuse Program wishes to thank everyone who had any role in the Chicken -Q on May 18<sup>th</sup>. It went very well, made extra funds for the program, increased our visibility in the community and it was fun!! We are already looking forward to doing another one next year to benefit one of our other programs. Karen Becker and Sandy Marx were especially vital in organizing and managing this event. I cannot thank them enough.

There have been recent minor changes in Wisconsin law concerning harassment, stalking and Domestic Violence restraining orders. Hopefully these modifications of the statute will help victims of various kinds of abuse to be safer and give law enforcement additional clarity about the various orders. I will be going to an advocate's meeting later this week to get an update on the changes.

The Crawford County Domestic Abuse Task Force is starting to work on our two big fall events. We will once again do the Crooked Barn Music Fest and Family Picnic at La Rivere Park in Prairie du Chien on **Sunday, September 12**. It will feature local bands, local artists, local food, kid's projects and a lot of fun. We have tentatively scheduled Chocolate, Champagne and Coffee for **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please look for additional information on these events in upcoming newsletters. These have been wonderful events in the past and represent a huge commitment from the Task Force in supporting the Domestic Abuse Program and increasing awareness about the problem of Domestic Abuse in our county, and the services Catholic Charities provides.

Currently, I am wishing to recruit new volunteers to be trained for Helpline coverage and to be active with the Task Force. Please contact me if you know of someone who might be interested.

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Catholic Charities in the  
Community  
Upcoming Events

July 13<sup>th</sup>

Stevens Point Advisory Board Meeting,  
3-4:30 p.m.; Catholic Charities Office  
Contact: Bill Medland

July 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

“A Home for Everyone 2010: Opening  
the Door to Opportunity”; Radisson  
Hotel, La Crosse; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (July 21)  
and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (July 22)  
Contact: Mary Jacobson

With a housing crisis continuing to ripple through our communities, attacking the aspirations of low-income households, “A Home for Everyone” event will have offerings which are both timely and relevant. There will be many opportunities during the conference to connect with the latest trends and information and with those throughout the state like you – dedicated to providing affordable housing from many different directions.

Catholic Charities is a sponsor of this event in cooperation with the Wisconsin Collaborative for Affordable Housing and will have an informational booth during both days.

Grants and Fundraising

Congratulations to the Immigration Program on a grant award of \$10,000 from the Raskob Foundation.

Staff Acknowledgements

Congratulations to Sarah and Corey Schlegel on the birth of their two

healthy babies on June 14th--Gabriel Michael was born at 10:23 a.m. and weighed 6lbs 2.8 oz and was 19 inches long. Lucas Corey was born at 10:25 a.m. and weighed 6 lbs 5.8 oz and is 19.5 inches long. Everyone is doing well!

**Programs we offer:**

**Emergency Services**-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Wausau, Prairie du Chien

**Adoption Services**-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Wausau

**Post Adoption Program**-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point

**Financial Counseling**-La Crosse, Marshfield, Stevens Point, Prairie du Chien, Wausau

**HIV/AIDS Ministries**-Stevens Point

**Immigration Services**-La Crosse

**Disability Services**-La Crosse

**Domestic Abuse Services**-Prairie du Chien

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