

Catholic Charities

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La Crosse

Prairie Du Chien

Eau Claire

Stevens Point

Wausau

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Program Highlights-Emergency Services Program

On Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22 Catholic Charities held its first ever wedding dress and bag and tag sale at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse to benefit our Emergency Services Program. The gym was transformed into a store fit to excite even people who don't like to shop! There really was something for everyone.

We sold seven never-worn wedding dresses to some very excited brides. The dresses purchased by these young women looked like they had been made especially for them. Very little alterations would be needed. One bride who had already made her wedding dress, came hoping she'd hate them all. She didn't. She tried on a lovely designer dress and ended up calling her parents and fiancé who came down and agreed that she should purchase it. It's wonderful to think these dresses will soon be worn at weddings all over the area.

With over \$2,000 in sales, proceeds from the sale will assist families in crisis who come to our offices. They will be used for eviction prevention, utility disconnects, or emergency food. We also help with employment needs such as driver's licenses, state ID's, birth certificates, gas, specific work clothing, shoes, or boots.

We still have 15 wedding dresses for sale. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our La Crosse office at 608-782-0710. They will also be posted online.



**Catholic Charities in the
Community
Upcoming Events**

June 9th

Free Community Picnic, Carnival and Agency Fair; Dunn County Fairgrounds, 620 17th Street E, Menomonie; 4:30-7 pm, Contact: Laura Draeger, Eau Claire Office

Saturday, June 12th

3rd Annual

An Evening in the Chippewa Valley

Sacred Heart Hospital
Eau Claire

All are invited to join Catholic Charities in welcoming our special guest, the Rev. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA, for an evening Mass and dinner as we celebrate 100 years of Catholic Charities USA and 138 years of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse.

Tickets are \$50/person. Please contact Karen Becker at 608-782-0710 x202 for more information or to purchase your tickets. Seating is limited.

Grants and Fundraising

Congratulations to the Financial Counseling Program on a grant award of \$4,000 from the United Way of Inner Wisconsin.

Congratulations to the Financial Counseling Program on a grant award of \$17,000 from the Marshfield Area United Way.

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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