

Volunteer Recognition Week!

Thank you for volunteering your time and talent with Catholic Charities!

We were blessed with over 5,000 volunteers in 2021 who said YES and helped us carry out our mission! We are especially appreciative of our food distribution volunteers who distributed hundreds of tons of food last year.

We are also pleased to share a little more about our 2022 Caritas! Awards recipients for honoring their duty to their community with such dedication! Click [here](#) to hear an appreciation of each of the Caritas! honorees given by the Catholic Charities staff members.

*Msgr. Geno Baroni Award for Advocacy**



Dr. Thomas Winkler

Volunteer at Catholic Charities Health Care Network

Dr. Winkler chose to serve CCHCN patients to lift up people and make their lives better. He is a passionate advocate for CCHCN, and has recruited his colleagues across other specialties to join us. He positively impacts our communities while assisting on carrying out our mission.

*Fr. John O'Connor Award for Empowerment***

McMurtrie Family

Volunteer at Catholic Charities

The McMurtrie family has stood in solidarity with the community in the DMV area by coming up with a meal plan called Saint Maria's Meals which provides warm and nutritious meals to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Their dedication and generosity are highly appreciated.



Enterprise, Education and Employment

Volunteer of the Year



Sr. Mary Doyle

Volunteer at Trafficking Victims Assistance Program

Sr. Mary is a licensed Social worker who always goes above and beyond for the people accessing the services of the Trafficking Victims Assistance Program. Always with the clients' best interest at heart, Sr Mary is incredible at reaching out to the community and advocating for Catholic Charities.

Developmental Disabilities Services

Volunteer of the Year

Bruce Baschuk

Volunteer at Developmental Disabilities Services Department

Bruce worked collaboratively with the department to support our clients and staff get scheduled to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations. Together with his wife, Kate, he assembled a group of friends to assist on this project: Bruce Pascal, Tom McHugh, Adam Singer, Margaret (Peggy) Crowley and Timmy Conley.



Family, Parish and Community Outreach

Volunteer of the Year



Marla Smith

Volunteer at Welcome Home Reentry Program

Marla has successfully mentored returning citizens with love and dedication. She councils with her heart and God first. She has inspired her mentees while affirming and supporting their dignity through their life transition.



Newcomer Network Volunteer of the Year

Isolda Riveralainez

Volunteer at Immigration Legal Services

Isolda has been volunteering consistently with us for over 15 years. Guided by her faith, she has honored her duty to her brothers and sisters by providing excellent administrative support. By standing in solidarity with the people accessing our services, she has given empowering help and long lasting hope.



Nominee for Catholic Charities USA Volunteer of the Year Award

Sr. Bernadette Longtin

Volunteer at Youth Care Coordination

Sr. Bernadette has done a phenomenal job serving youth and families being discharged from the hospital due to psychiatric issues. She is committed to her role as a volunteer as well as committed to paying it forward by investing in the student interns so that the world receives better social workers.



*Msgr. Geno Baroni Award for Advocacy:

This award is given to an individual who is a strong advocate for vulnerable and oppressed populations through their activities in the community over a long period of time.

**Fr. John O'Connor Award for Empowerment:

This award is given to a group or individual that has shown exemplary leadership and service for the poor and outcast. This individual not only demonstrates his or her care for others through concrete action but also encourages vulnerable populations to take charge of their lives to make lasting positive contributions on individuals, family, and community levels.

Nominee for Catholic Charities USA Volunteer of the Year Award:

This award is given to an individual who embodies the mission of CCUSA, provides critical services to those in need, advocates for justice in social structures and calls the entire Church and other people of good will to do the same.

Department Volunteer of the Year Award:

Each department's Volunteer of the Year is an inspirational and exceptional volunteer who embodies the mission of Catholic Charities and touches the lives of the people in our care.