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OUR MISSION

The Mission of Livingston County Catholic Charities is the work of the Catholic Church, to share the love of Christ by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

VISION STATEMENT

Livingston County Catholic Charities aims to provide human services to Livingston County residents regardless of race, sex, religion, age, disability or financial ability.



LIVINGSTON COUNTY
**CATHOLIC
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HELPING LIVES GROW

No Senior Left Behind



We are passionate about filling the basic needs gaps of Livingston County seniors. Livingston County Catholic Charities' (LCCC) Aging Adult Specialists in the Community Liaison program assist older adults and their families by locating and securing local/state/federal services and resources to enhance the ability of aging adults to maintain independence within the comfort of their own home.

The Volunteer Caregiver Program is a coalition of local volunteers who spent 329 hours making friendly visits last year! Additionally, they provided transportation 736 times for medical appointments and more.

Encounters with these seniors can bring to light home safety issues that need to be addressed. In order to meet this need

the Home Injury Control (HIC) and Chore Programs were launched in October of 2022. LCCC and Habitat for Humanity work together providing adaptations to the home environment of an older adult to prevent or minimize the occurrence of injuries. Funding has been provided by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B and through the Livingston County Board of Commissioners.

Another new position was created in early 2023 to provide outreach, education and much-needed services to the most isolated seniors in Livingston County. Thanks to a generous grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, this position also provides part-time staffing to the Fowlerville Senior Center, a rural under-served area, to provide health and wellness activities and resources to local seniors.

Thanks to you and all our other generous donors, LCCC senior services are provided on a sliding scale to ensure that **no senior is left behind** in Livingston County.

It's a New Chapter for LCCC

We are very pleased to have Adam Perry on board at Livingston County Catholic Charities as the new Executive Director. Adam is a lifelong Catholic and grew up in the Metro Detroit area. He has always been involved at his local Catholic Church, heavily involved in youth ministry throughout high school and college including traveling on dozens of mission trips, and grew up going to Catholic School at Our Lady of Sorrow and St. Fabian. He always knew the connection between service and faith were important components of his desired career. This led Adam to pursue a graduate degree in social work, and searching for a career where he could combine his faith and service in the same space. "Work is hard sometimes, and it is important that I always have my Catholic faith to fall back on."

Adam's fiancée, Haley, grew up in Brighton, and he is happy to be serving in Livingston County. They are looking forward to getting married this fall at Ss. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church in Detroit.



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Your Donations at Work!

Your donations through the Loaves & Fish Appeal, memorials, bequests, gifts and grants, help individuals and families to rebuild their lives whether they are struggling with depression, divorce, anger issues, alcohol or drug addiction, or have other needs. With your help, most of LCCC services and programs are provided on a sliding fee/cost-sharing basis to any community member struggling with financial hardship while the two senior outreach services are offered at no cost (donations requested if able).

- *Thank you so much for all the support you have shown my wife and me. While we have packed and delivered blessing boxes in the past, it was a joy to be on the receiving end. God bless all of you and your ministries!*
- *The staff is so caring and helpful. Doing everything possible to keep my mom's dignity and quality of life ending the way it should be..... with LOVE.*
- *(HIC/Chore is) a GREAT program! Paul came up with a plan to make the bathroom more secure and did the install. It raised my safety and confidence level.*

These connections and life enhancing services are possible because of each of you! Thank you and God Bless!

2023 Salute to The Stars

On April 1, 2023 we honored our community "STARS," including John and Mary Church who have been dedicated and beloved volunteers with the Special Ministries program for over 30 years.

Thanks to everyone who helped us raise over \$21,000 net for our programs that support individuals in our community in all stages of their lives. From the Foster Care and Adoption Program serving babies and children, to the many senior service programs serving the elderly community, our work would not be possible without YOUR support.



John & Mary Church

ON-GOING GROUPS & MEETINGS

Dementia Specific Caregiver Support Group

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:00-6:00 pm

Elder Abuse Recovery Support Group

3rd Tuesday of each month, 3:00-4:00 pm

Foster Parent Informational Meeting

3rd Monday of each month, 5:00-7:00 pm

Special Ministries Parent/Caregiver Support Group

For info email brook@LivingstonCC.org

Substance Abuse Engagement Groups

Mondays 5:00-6:30 pm & 6:30-8:00 pm, Wednesdays & Fridays 10:00 am-11:30 pm

Go to LivingstonCC.org for more information.

One Child at a Time



"You are making a difference in their life and they are making a difference in yours. Everyone is blessed."

The Child Welfare Department, which includes foster care and adoption, has had a busy year. They have averaged 20 foster care cases with the foster and biological parents living throughout southeast Michigan. This dedicated staff is always there for the children no matter what their situation. Two siblings recently concluded their foster care/adoption journey after 2,858 days of supervision. Another child, who recently turned one, was adopted by a relative who fostered them from birth.

Do you have room in your HEART for one more child? We would love to hear from you at Fostering@LivingstonCC.org!

Kathy's Special Ministries Testimonial

My name is Kathy Riccardi and my son, Andrew participates in Special Ministries of Livingston County events. When we first started attending events Andrew was not very involved or comfortable in social situations. Since he has been coming to the events he is so much more outgoing, involved and comfortable in different activities.

Andrew loves bowling, putt-putt, holiday parties and sporting events. He has tried so many new things like Cardio Drumming, playing baseball, basketball, going to Fowlerville Fair events, playing games and doing crafts. Most of which he's never been exposed to before. Andrew has made good friends and he absolutely loves going to the activities. He hates missing event because of vacations and weather cancellations. Last year he was really upset with my husband and I when we scheduled a trip to Universal Studios in Florida and he had to miss the basketball game.

We schedule things around Andrew's events now. His life has been so enriched by this program, the participants and the loving and caring staff. I can't imagine what his life would be like without Special Ministries.

Our volunteers make this all possible! If you would like to join in the fun, contact Brook@LivingstonCC.org



Andrew taking a shot at the Special Ministries vs. Sheriff's Office game and relaxing with friends after bowling

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Adam has an affinity for this church because he did his year of service with the Jesuits Volunteer Corps in New York City and an affinity for Detroit, due to his work with Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan at the Center for the Works of Mercy.

An important part of Adam's vision for the future of Livingston County Catholic Charities is finding a permanent home for the agency that best serves the community. The goal would be to fund raise, purchase our own building, and move forward debt-free. Then our focus could be entirely on the people we serve.

Adam says, "To me, the partnerships with our local parishes are the ideal model. I am inspired by this and look forward to finding new ways to work together and expand our relationships with Catholic and non-Catholic churches in the area."

A Lasting Legacy

Considering making a Charitable Bequest in your will to LCCC to strengthen our ability to serve future generations?

Wondering what other Planned Giving opportunities are available to you as you plan for your favorite charity's future?

Please feel free to contact Ryan or Adam with any questions or desires regarding your interest in leaving a lasting legacy to LCCC. Additionally, please discuss your decision with your financial advisor or attorney.

Leaving a Bequest makes it easy to help without dipping into your income or savings!



LCCC Services

Mental Health Counseling

A nationally accredited family service agency offering counseling for individuals, groups, couples, families and children. Most insurances are accepted and a sliding fee is offered for the uninsured.

Substance Abuse Prevention

Communities Mobilizing for Change in Partnership with the Livingston County Community Alliance and the Livingston Community Prevention Project. Activities include Big Red Barrel, Safe Homes, Project Sticker Shock and more.

Substance Abuse Treatment

Individual and group therapy is provided following an initial assessment and determination of appropriate level of care. Free drop-in Engagement Group is offered several times a week for those struggling with addiction. Most insurances are

accepted, along with government contracts and a sliding fee scale for the uninsured.

Volunteer Caregiver Program

Volunteer services designed to assist older adults to remain independent and in their own homes with grace and dignity.

Community Liaison Program

Connecting seniors 60+ years of age to local, state and federal resources and services to aid in living independently.

Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

Providing outreach and education campaigns to increase public awareness of elder abuse and how to prevent it.

Home Injury Control and Chore Programs

Providing household maintenance and adaptations to the home environment of an older adult to prevent or minimize the occurrence of injuries.

Parish Ministry

A Lasting Promise Couple's Communication and Catholic Council on Aging.

Foster Care and Adoption

Providing temporary care for children while working toward reunification with the biological family. If reunification is not possible, LCCC will seek adoptive parents for the children.

Be Our Guest Adult Day

A supportive and caring environment for memory-impaired adults who would benefit from a structured day setting. Our goal is to provide meaningful services that enrich the lives of older adults, families and caregivers.

Special Ministries

Providing quality programming for adults living with cognitive and physical disabilities.



Visit Livingston County Catholic Charities on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram



The Giving Tree

I want to Help Lives Grow by supporting LCCC!

Please designate your gift as indicated below:

\$ _____ Senior Services Programs
 \$ _____ Counseling
 \$ _____ Substance Abuse Prevention
 \$ _____ Foster Care & Adoption
 \$ _____ Livingston Co. Catholic Charities Endowment Fund
 \$ _____ Special Ministries
 \$ _____ One-Time Charge or \$ _____ Monthly Charge for 12 months

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Please charge my gift to: _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ American Express

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Signature _____ Date _____

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 2020 E. Grand River Ave., Suite104
 Howell, MI 48843



Thank you!

Donations can be made on-line through
LivingstonCC.org

Please detach and send in with your generous donation.

Continuous Care is Priceless

Did you know that LCCC takes payment on an income-based sliding scale? Having different clients pay different rates allows LCCC to absorb the costs of running their practices while still being able to help people who can't afford their regular rates. Our ability to provide continuous care, despite changes that happen in our clients' lives, really helps set LCCC apart. We have worked to expand payment options, increase telehealth offerings, adjust therapists' hours, and more to reach economically disadvantaged patients.

Jane was a 45-year-old professional who was referred through Medicaid for individual and psychiatric treatment. Jane struggled with psychosis and had a history of multiple practitioners and consistent changes with her insurance coverage due to job loss. After 7 months of therapy and psychiatry treatment at LCCC Jane had made steady gains in all aspects of her life and was able to start working again.

Based on previous treatment experiences, this is when the client's health would decline due to the loss of her Medicaid and with no ability to pay marketplace insurance costs. LCCC was the first agency where Jane was able to receive treatment and a sliding fee alternative after her Medicaid insurance option ended. She was able to benefit from an affordable rate of service based on her income and remain in a consistent therapeutic routine that eventually lead to sustainable healthy gains for the client.



"We are committed to offering our services to all people regardless of their insured status. It is our mission to serve those with the most need in our community."

LCCC Clinical Director, John Furey

Your donations are what make this service possible. THANK YOU!

Turning 65 this year? Need help navigating the Medicare/Medicaid insurance system?
Please contact Beth at 517-545-5944 for assistance.

Medicare Part D Sign-up
(Oct. 15 - Dec. 7, 2023)