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CCCS/Summit County Welcomes New Director



Deacon John Green was welcomed as the new director of CCCS/Summit County on August 22. In a year of major organizational change, Green brings a fresh focus to the agency mission of serving the young, the disabled, the elderly, and the poor. “I’ve been impressed that the

staff, at the center of significant change, has continued to provide the quality of services to our community that this agency is known for,” states Green. “Change is difficult. But our mission to make a difference in the lives of people in our community remains unchanged and we are fulfilling that mission everyday.”

Green’s career is deeply rooted in service to others. He worked on the streets of New York City, Mexico City, Guatemala City and Chicago helping the homeless, poor and marginalized members of society. His passion to serve others was fueled by the plight of a homeless man, and subsequently hearing the words of Micah 6:8: “Oh man, what is it the Lord asks of you, only this, to live justly, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” He vowed to always ask himself: How can I live justly? To whom do I show mercy? How may I walk humbly with God? Green states that by being engaged in the corporal works of mercy he stays grounded and rooted in the preferential option for the poor.

In addition to his personal motivations, Green brings a great deal of expertise to the agency. At a young age, Green founded Emmaus Ministries, a non-profit outreach program to men involved in prostitution. He was Executive Director for 20 years before moving back to Ohio to care for his aging parents. “As the former Executive Director for Emmaus Ministries, John brings a wealth of experience to Catholic Charities,” states Bernadette Washington, Executive Director of Catholic Charities Community Services. “He has a strong background in strategic planning, non-profit management and public relations. We look forward to having him as part of our team.”

Green is thrilled about the opportunity to work for CCCS/Summit County. The sheer size and scope of the agency impresses him, while the reputation, history and size of Catholic Charities are also appealing. His hope is that the agency continues to be a light in the darkness for communities in need, continues to grow in response to the changing needs of the community, and continues to promote justice, reconciliation and peace.

John Green holds a BA and MA from Wheaton College and a Certificate in Non-Profit Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is the author of “Streetwalking with Jesus: Reaching Out in Justice and Mercy” (OSV 2011), and lives in Silver Lake with his wife Carolyn and their four children. He was ordained a Permanent Deacon while living in Chicago and now serves as a Deacon at Holy Family Parish in Stow.



NEW CCCS/SUMMIT COUNTY DIRECTOR **JOHN GREEN** WITH HIS FAMILY

2011 Advisory Council

The Advisory Council at Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County supports the mission of the agency by providing assistance with program planning and evaluation, financial review and fundraising, and marketing and public relations. The Advisory Council is instrumental in articulating the needs of the community and in helping staff to conduct community assessments which provide information on the issues and concerns facing the community.

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Mission Statement

Under the leadership of the Bishop of Cleveland and inspired by the Gospel message, the Secretariat for Catholic Charities Health and Human Services continues the mission of Jesus by providing vision and leadership for those who respond to the health and human needs and the social concerns of the people of the Diocese of Cleveland. We extend the reign of God in this time and place as we work with others to build a just and compassionate society that respects the dignity of every person.

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From The Director

Dear Friends,

Growing up in Summit County in the '70's and '80's and attending Holy Family Parish in Stow OH, I crossed paths with "CYO & Community Services" and



"Catholic Social Services" a few times.

Our youth group at Holy Family did some service projects in the North Hill neighborhood, CYO sports were always keeping kids like me busy, a couple Search Retreats helped my growing faith, and during the summers of '81 and '82 I served as a counselor out at Camp Christopher (that's me during "Dress Up Weird" Day or something like that at Camp in '82.)

After graduating from Cuyahoga Falls High School in 1983, my journey took me far afield from Summit County. Yet, my experiences of serving the poor and the faith formation I received here helped me greatly as I began working with homeless and runaway kids on the streets of New York City and in Guatemala and Mexico Cities. After graduating from Wheaton College and while pursuing a Masters Degree, I began working with men on the streets of Chicago involved in prostitution. This was a mission I would have the honor to serve in for over twenty years. It was some of the most difficult, taxing, and challenging times of my life. Several times over those two decades I reached points where I was spent and needed time to re-fuel and re-refresh my spirit, body, and soul. It was during those times when I would often come home to Summit County. The natural beauty of this area, the lifelong friends I have here, and the vibrant faith community were always sources of strength for my soul.

In 2009, my family and I moved back home temporarily to care for aging parents and this past year we decided to make that move permanent. In the spring of 2011, I came across a posting on the Diocese of Cleveland's website about this position as Director of Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County. Reading through the position description it seemed like a good fit and I applied for the job that night. The next day I was having lunch with a man whom a mutual friend from Holy Family had connected me with. They said he knew a lot about working with people in need in Akron. His name was Don Finn. It was twenty minutes into our lunch before we both realized the position I had just applied for was the one he was vacating!

Don has done a tremendous job of growing this organization into the thriving and vibrant service it is to our community. Our recent merging of the two organizations and re-alignment as Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County has positioned us well for future growth. I look forward to serving as Director and ask you to remember our work in your prayers and intentions.

Blessings,

Deacon John Green
Director, Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County

Salute to Volunteers

SHARING TIME IN SERVICE — A STORY OF ONE FAMILY'S DEDICATION TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

For the Galbincea family of Granger Township in Medina, service as a family is a priority and a love shared by all. Since 2006 when daughter Hannah joined Teens for Service, the Catholic Charities youth group in Summit County, the entire family has come on board to help wherever needs were expressed. From the former Home Service Project helping senior home owners with their yard work, to assisting with holiday gift wrapping for Summit Adult Day Services, to volunteering in the kitchen for our annual golf outing, Dave, Annette, Hannah and Nick have stepped up to volunteer as needed. When Nick (now a sophomore in college) expressed an interest in applying to be a counselor for the summer SumFun day camps for children with disabilities, mother, Annette, applied right along with him. Their evening conversations were so full of stories and experiences from their day “job” that Hannah ended up volunteering over 50 hours this past summer whenever she wasn't working her own summer job! Now, Hannah's experiences have led her to pursue a special education degree in college. Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County has benefitted immeasurably from this one family's involvement in the entire agency as Dave and Annette have also attended fundraisers, chaperoned teen events, and helped instill a love of volunteering in their children. We are grateful and awed by the time and dedication this one family has given to our agency.

UNITED WAY LOANED EXECUTIVES

Hats off to the 2011 Loaned Executives from the United Way! As part of their week long orientation process, the Loaned Executives participated in a volunteer service project at the North Main site of Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County. They worked hard cleaning, sorting and packing items for the agency's upcoming move to Biruta Street.



HANNAH, NICK, ANNETTE AND DAVID GALBINCEA PROCESS OFFERTORY GIFTS DURING THE **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY MASS AT CAMP CHRISTOPHER** IN SEPTEMBER 2010.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2011 **LOANED EXECUTIVES FROM THE UNITED WAY PROGRAM**.

GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

With programs serving more than 10,000 people, Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County relies on the generosity of volunteers to help fulfill our mission of helping those in need. Every year, hundreds of volunteers lend their greatest gifts of time, talent and resources to fulfill the needs of our many programs. We offer a variety of volunteer

opportunities for individuals, families, businesses and groups of all faiths and ages. We work with volunteers to find opportunities that match their skills, talents and interests.

Call us today and discover how you can volunteer while learning new skills, gaining the satisfaction of helping others, and giving back to the community.



Fall Festival Recap

Despite the rain and windy weather, over 200 people came out to support the 2011 Fall Festival. The energy level was high as children and families enjoyed the grounds of Camp Christopher. Hayrides were rolling, zip line was zipping, and people were lining up to tour the Titanic Haunted House inside McDowell Hall. Children enjoyed the variety of games, inflatables, s'mores, canoe rides, LaserQuest Quick Draw, face painting and crafts. Sherri was especially busy in the Dining Hall as many visitors came in to dry off and warm up.

We thank the over 80 volunteers that showed up to help run games, take tickets, organize lines, and many other important tasks.

Extra special thanks to our event sponsors, advertisers and donors. Your generosity directly benefitted the Camp Christopher Campership Fund that provides financial aid to campers that need assistance.

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New Camp Program Attracts Future Leaders



Camp Christopher welcomed 14 campers to the inaugural Christopher Leadership Camp this past summer. The two week intensive training camp was designed to encourage high school aged youth to engage in a lifetime of servant leadership. While at camp, Leadership Campers engaged in team building exercises, problem solving activities, career

shadowing, service opportunities, and working with younger children. Throughout the week, Leadership Campers were given opportunities to interact with elementary aged

campers, as well as adult campers with developmental disabilities. Not only did the Leadership Campers leave with valuable experience, but they also received a certification in either Lifeguarding or First Aid/CPR/Babysitting plus 40 service hours of credit. "We were thrilled with the enrollment and participation of our first ever Leadership Camp," states John Litten, Camp Director. "The presence of Leadership Camp added to the spirit of Camp Christopher and gave 14 young adults the opportunity to experience camp in a whole new way."

Christopher Leadership Camp is scheduled for 3 sessions in 2012. Youth turning 17 before July 1, 2012 are encouraged to apply. The program is limited to 10 participants per session. An application can be found at ccsummitcounty.org under Camp Christopher Resident Camp.



FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF CCCS/SC GATHERED AT THE **ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE**. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Reverse Raffle Recap

The staff at Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County extends our sincere gratitude to all who participated in this year's Reverse Raffle. Guests were able to reconnect with old acquaintances, enjoy a wonderful dinner, and maybe even leave with a prize.

As a result of everyone's generosity, CCCS/Summit County raised close to \$9,000. Funds raised at the Reverse Raffle were budgeted to directly support programs in Summit County in 2011.

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Join us this year as we come together as a community to serve our neighbors in need. Donate online at www.ccs Summit County.org, or mail your donation to CCCS/Summit County, Partners In Giving, 812 Biruta St., Akron, OH 44307. For more information, call (330) 762-2961.

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