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Leave a legacy tomorrow.

# The Charity With Care Newsletter



## Blended Gifts

So many times in life, we think we must choose between two alternatives, like two different cups of coffee. When making a gift to support the causes we care about, many people feel like they either have to choose between making a sizable gift today, so they can receive any up-front tax benefits and see firsthand the result of their gift, or holding off on making their intended gift until much later, when they know they won't need that particular asset or money during their life. With the first option, they would receive up-front tax benefits and see their gift at work. With the second, they maintain the flexibility in the event of unanticipated needs.

Similar to finding the perfect coffee blend, there is a way to blend your personal philanthropy that is right for you. The idea is that you make a starting gift with a current gift of cash, securities or real estate. Then you find the planned gift method, maybe a bequest, charitable trust or gift annuity that works best for your situation.

For more information on how to create a legacy, contact Jake Seifert, Director of Mission Advancement at 573-635-7719 or [jseifert@cccngo.org](mailto:jseifert@cccngo.org)



**Jake Seifert**, *Director of Mission Advancement*



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Friends:

Like all of you, I have been closely following the on-going hurricane season storms that continue to wreak havoc in Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean. While the damage has been staggering, I've drawn inspiration from the stories of heroism that emerge at times like these, and been amazed at the outpouring of support offered to those impacted. Truly, times like these bring out the best of who we are as a nation.

Our national partner, Catholic Charities USA, has already delivered millions of dollars in aid to both Texas and Florida, along with much needed supplies and equipment. In the months ahead, Catholic Charities agencies throughout the affected areas will offer on-

going support to people who may have lost everything due to nature's fury. The recovery process is long and arduous, and Catholic Charities will be there with survivors every step of the way.

Closer to home, here at CCCNMO we continue to work with individuals and families impacted by our own severe flooding this spring. Thanks to your generosity, we have distributed over ten thousand dollars in direct aid to flooding victims in our diocese. This funding has provided for temporary shelter, food, clothing, and other basic needs, as well as rebuilding supplies and labor costs. In addition, we continue to deliver truckloads of donated furniture to households who are in need. Moreover, our disaster case manager, Alissa, is continuing to support families through their own recovery processes.

As always, we could not do this work alone, and we are ever grateful for your contributions of time, talent, and treasure. We ask for your continued prayers as we seek to fulfill our mission to "provide care and create hope" for those who suffer, and look forward to continuing the amazing work that your support allows us to take part in every day.

Dan Lester, Executive Director  
Catholic Charities of Central & Northern Missouri

## Catholic Charities Responds to Local Disasters by Helping Flood Victims

Vikki is a victim of the spring floods in Missouri and was evacuated from her house by the highway patrol. She had over five feet of standing water in her house. During the flood, Vikki lost everything: furniture, household items, and clothing, as well as irreplaceable items such as pictures of her children. After the flood, Vikki relocated to another town away from the river. While she was able to find safe, sanitary and secure housing, she had no household items, furniture, or personal items. Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri was able to deliver much-needed items to Vikki including a professionally cleaned mattress, courtesy of Neville and Sons of Columbia, clothing, book shelves, kitchen utensils, and a chair. Vikki also continues to work with Alissa, CCCNMO's disaster case manager, to locate and access resources essential to the ongoing process of recovery. Vikki is grateful for all the support CCCNMO has provided and is looking forward to brighter days ahead.



**Alissa Marlow** (Catholic Charities Disaster Case Manager) **Vikki** (flood victim)

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## World Refugee Day

For many years, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri has been organizing and celebrating World Refugee Day in Columbia. This year, we celebrated in more ways than one!

On June 20, our gracious community partner Café Berlin opened its doors to host the inaugural Refugee Community Showcase. This event featured spoken word poetry, storytelling, and musical performances. The event's aim was twofold: to raise money for the annual World Refugee Day celebration and to create a way for community members to embrace the creativity and inspiration that international cultures bring to the arts. The showcase was very successful with over 100 people attending!



Attendees celebrate World Refugee Day on July 1st, in Columbia



Salam Enani, Lillian Edwards, Alex Ringling, Grace Wildenhaus

On Saturday July 1, our friends and longtime partners West Broadway Christian Church hosted Columbia's annual World Refugee Day Celebration. The day featured a bounce house for children; face painting station, varying crafts, an international potluck and live performers. The atmosphere was full of energy and cultural celebration, and really highlighted the diverse community of Columbia. The event was a great success with over 200 community members attending!

Both of these events illustrated the incredible support for refugees and immigrants that is present in the Columbia community! Catholic Charities is proud to be the official resettlement agency for mid-Missouri and continues to answer the call to "welcome the stranger".



Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all

-Pope Francis

## Catholic Charities Provides Targeted Impact Grant to Help Victims of Human Trafficking

The Lake of the Ozarks Stop Human Trafficking Coalition is a volunteer organization working collaboratively to increase awareness, identify causes, and support victims of trafficking. However, it would be impossible to do this without the help of partner organizations, including Catholic Charities. This year, a Targeted Impact Grant from Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri made possible critical aftercare services for a victim the Coalition is working with.

L. is a 30-year-old woman who had been abused for years by her father, and survived two toxic marriages. She then became involved with a man who was a member of the Mexican mafia. When she left him, he sought revenge by kidnapping her to "teach her a lesson." She was sexually abused by three men in Kentucky and was left to die. She was rescued, but developed hepatitis after this encounter. Out of fear for her life, she moved to Missouri. L. suffered physical trauma and psychological trauma, often times having a break down when her normal routine was changed. L. had been in six shelters in six weeks from expulsions.

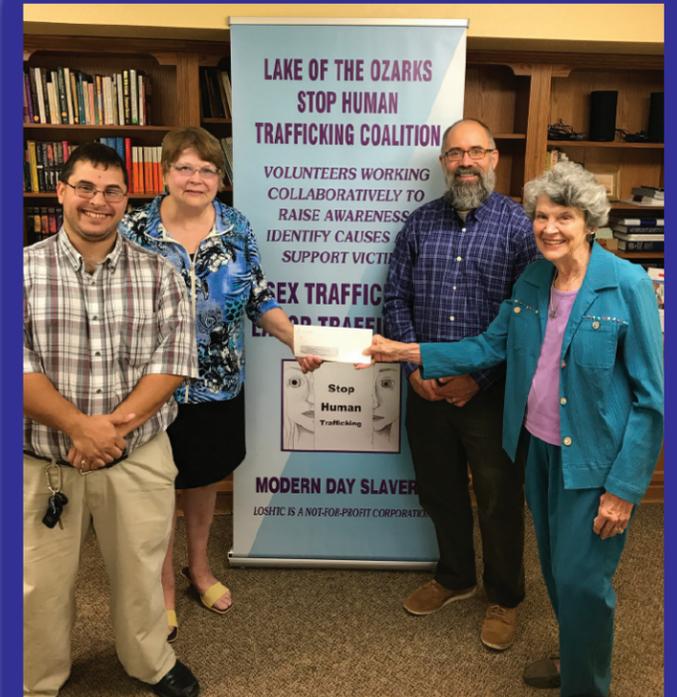
Dr. Sally Kemp, president of the Coalition, was the advocate called upon after the first instance of L.'s expulsion from a facility. Dr. Kemp recognized the severity of L.'s trauma and began transporting her from shelter to shelter to allow L. to have some level of stability. Dr. Kemp also realized that L. needed the support of a long-term program.

With the help of Dr. Kemp, L. was admitted into a program in Kansas City. Shortly after she arrived in the facility, L. had significant health concerns that caused her to be hospitalized. The Coalition, utilizing funding from the CCCNMO Targeted Impact Grant, provided financial assistance for a portion of the cost of the procedures and, later, costly prescriptions.

With the help of the Coalition, L. has just completed months of treatment. She chose to leave the program, feeling that she can handle the outside world. She is also holding down a job, and is happily sharing an apartment with another young woman. Still following through with her therapy on an outpatient basis, L. attends church and her substance abuse program. Her goal is a career in the anti-human trafficking field, working with survivors, and will be starting school in January. Dr. Kemp, her advocate, stays in close touch and L. calls her on a regular basis. Both are grateful for the help provided by Catholic Charities.

It is a long journey after an initial rescue for a victim to become a survivor. Many issues block the road to recovery: medical and psychologic problems, misunderstanding on the part of those employed to help, conditions in rescue work that further rob the victim of any self-possession she may have had. "It is only with the help of organizations such as Catholic Charities," says Dr. Kemp, "that we can set the victim on a straight path to health and wholeness."

To learn more about the Targeted Impact Grant program, visit our website at [ccnmo.org](http://ccnmo.org)



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