



# CHARITY IN *Action*

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## OUR WORK

The Secretariat for Catholic Human Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (CHS) is the largest faith-based human services provider in Southeastern Pennsylvania and benefits more than 300,000 individuals of all faiths annually.

CHS is comprised of various agencies that administer a broad range of human services programs throughout the five-county Philadelphia area as an expression of the charitable works of our local Church and daily touch the lives of immigrants, those experiencing homelessness, women in crisis, at-risk youth, senior citizens, the intellectually disabled, those facing hunger, and more.

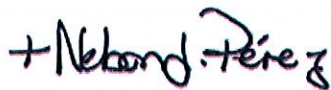


Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

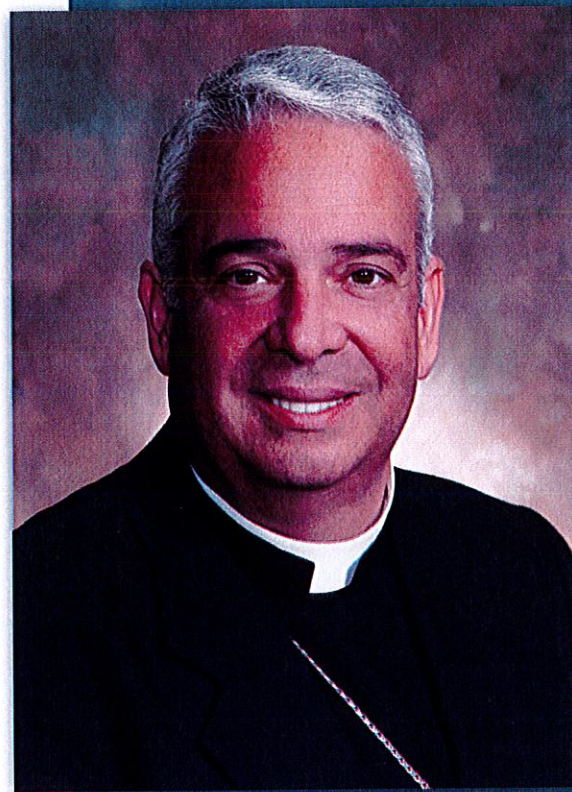
Through its many good works, The Secretariat for Catholic Human Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia builds on the legacy of Jesus Christ by lifting up the poor, proclaiming liberty to captives, restoring sight to the blind, and freeing the oppressed.

As you read about the transformative impact we have in our local communities, please know we count on your continued prayers for God's blessings on our unceasing efforts to make the love of Christ evident through the charitable works of our Church.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Revered Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Dear Friends,

I am a lifelong Philadelphia Catholic whose faith continues to be fulfilled through my social work career having been involved with the charitable works of our local Church.

I am proud to work day in and day out with the Catholic Human Services staff you see featured here and those they so well serve.

May you be inspired in reading about the positive impact we are having in our local communities and please keep all of us in your prayers as we continue serving those most in need.

Sincerely,



James T. Amato, MSW  
Secretary for Catholic Human Services  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia





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# IN THE News



## **James Amato, Archdiocese's Secretary for Catholic Human Services, to Retire at End of 2023**

By CatholicPhilly

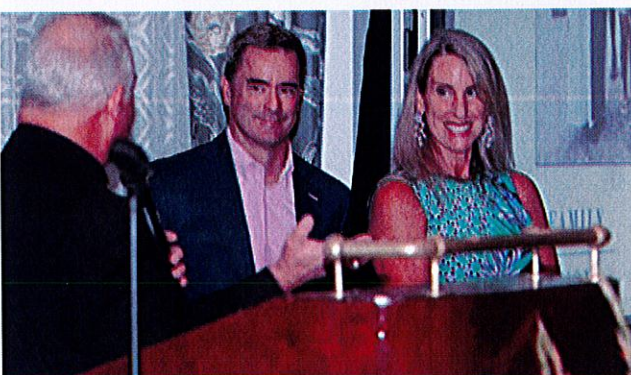
For the past 40 years, Amato has served the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Secretariat for Catholic Human Services in several roles.



## **Riley Family Foundation Event Highlights Archdiocese's Charitable Works of Mercy**

By CatholicPhilly

The evening sought to bring awareness to the broader community of the Catholic Human Services charitable works and their immense impact throughout the five-county region.



## **Riley Family Foundation Spotlights the Many Good Works of Catholic Social Services**

By CatholicPhilly

The Oct. 4 event highlighted the Church's charitable works of mercy and their immense impact throughout the region.



## **Addressing Hunger In Your Community**

By CatholicPhilly

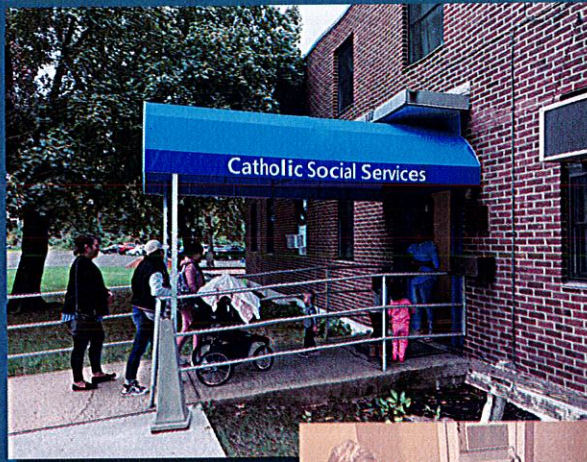
For most of us the presence of hunger is not as up close and personal as it is for Pastor Blount, but hunger is clearly all around each of us.





## Bucks County Family Service Center Hosts Fall Gathering

Bucks County Family Service Center, a ministry of Catholic Social Services, recently held a festive "Fall Gathering" to celebrate the beginning of the autumn season. New and expecting mothers and children were invited for a fun afternoon filled with crafts, raffles, face painting, and light refreshments!



## Northeast Family Service Center Hosts Annual Free Community Baby Shower

This month Northeast Family Service Center hosted their annual free community baby shower! Over 55 new and expecting mothers with children under the age of one joined the center for a fun afternoon filled with raffles, refreshments, and more. Local resource vendors were in attendance to help connect families to various parenting resources. In addition, attendees received a bag of produce donated by Nutritional Development Services.





## Nutritional Development Services Celebrates National School Lunch Week



Nutritional Development Services (NDS) celebrated National School Lunch Week which took place October 9-13, 2023. The fun and creative campaign theme, “Level Up with School Lunch,” highlighted the importance of a healthy school lunch to student success in and out of the classroom.

“Recent research shows that many children are getting their healthiest meals at school. National School Lunch Week highlights the benefits of the meals available daily,” said Lizanne F. Hagedorn, Executive Director of NDS.

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) offers students fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein, and milk as part of every lunch. Evolving federal nutrition standards ensure that these meals are age appropriate for calorie levels while limiting both unhealthy fats and sodium. The program plays an important role in improving children’s diets and combatting food insecurity.

Hagedorn added that National School Lunch Week is an opportunity to learn more about this service and to thank school staff and volunteers who prepare and serve meals to students each school day.

In addition to celebrating National School Lunch Week, NDS hosted a “Placemat & Slogan Contest” for students grades K-12 who are recipients of their School Meal Program. The annual competition employs student-made artwork to debut on NDS breakfast and lunch tray liners.

Each participant was asked to hand draw in black or dark ink an original artwork that encourages healthy eating and physical activity.

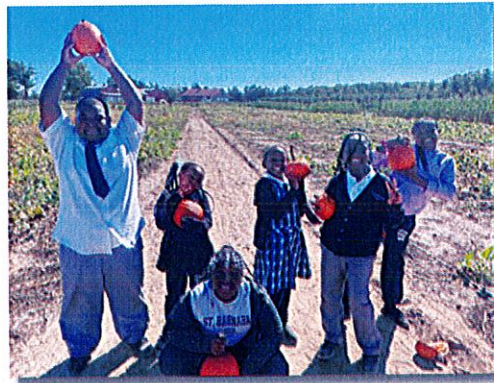
Winners of the three age categories hailed from Blessed Trinity Regional Catholic School, Nazareth Academy Grade School, and Christopher Columbus Charter School. In addition to having their designs printed on breakfast and lunch tray liners, winners also received a \$50 gift certificate.

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## St. Barnabas Out-of-School Time Program Visits Johnson's Corner Farm

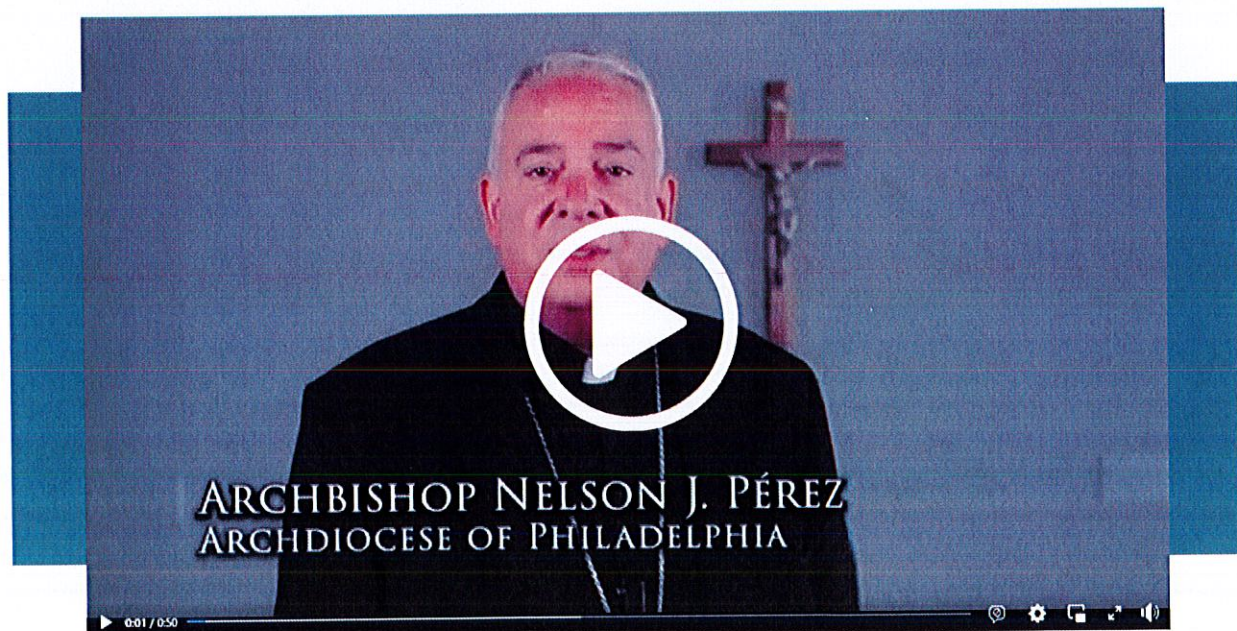


## CCUSA Conference

Staff from Catholic Housing and Community Services and Catholic Social Services had the opportunity to attend the annual Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) Conference in Cleveland! CCUSA is the national office for the Catholic Charities ministry nationwide. During the conference, delegates from different Catholic Charities around the country discussed topics such as advocacy, Catholic social teachings, mental health, and more.

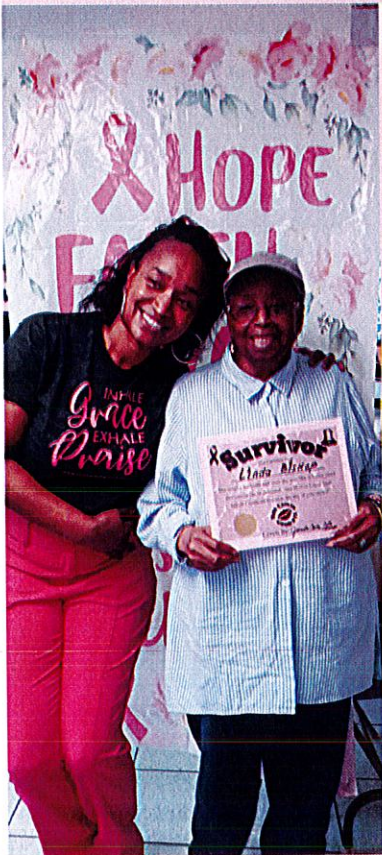


## Archbishop Pérez Offers Message for Respect Life Month





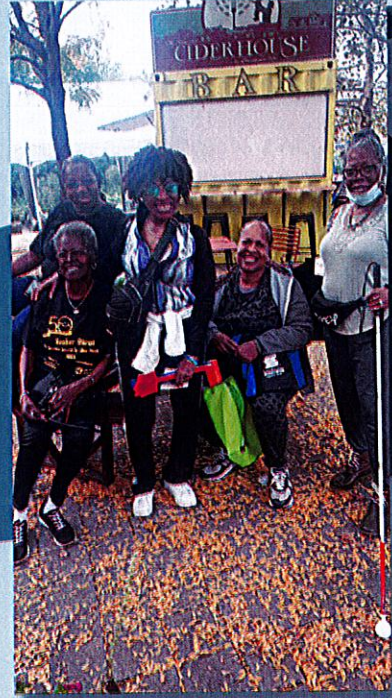
# Saint Edmond and Star Harbor Senior Community Centers Host Breast Cancer Awareness Week





## Senior Strut at Boathouse Row

Members of St. Edmond Senior Community Center, operated by CHCS, participated in Philadelphia Corporation for Aging's "Senior Strut"! The outdoor event kicked off with a one-mile walk along Boathouse Row and was followed by a light lunch and variety of wellness activities.



## Martha's Choice Awarded Over \$20,000 through the GIANT Company's "Make a Difference Challenge"

Congratulations to Martha's Choice Marketplace & Community Farm who was recently awarded over \$20,000 through GIANT's Make a Difference Challenge!

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, The GIANT Company awarded a total of \$500,000 to 20 local non-profits as part of its Make a Difference Challenge. The challenge was designed to honor The GIANT Company's legacy of giving back by supporting non-profit organizations whose work has a direct impact on creating a future that promotes healthier people and a healthier planet.





# The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence Mark Feast Day of Patron Saint

The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence (DGBP), a ministry of Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (CSS), marked the feast of their patron, Saint Luigi Guanella (Don Guanella) with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, October 24.

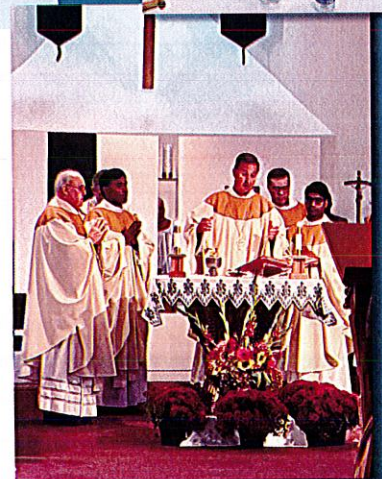
Most Reverend Joseph L. Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for Military Services, was the principal celebrant and homilist.

Men and women served by The Communities of DGBP as well as their families and caregivers were in attendance for the prayerful occasion. Supporters and benefactors of the program were also invited to participate.

***In honor of Saint Luigi Guanella's feast day, Archbishop Pérez released a video message as part of the celebration this year. The Archbishop said, "Today, his legacy is central to the mission of The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence, a ministry of Catholic Social Services serving more than 400 men and women each day. Our dedicated staff work to preserve their dignity and transform their lives. I'm so grateful for all of the remarkable achievements made there each day!"***

In addition to Mass, the day also marked The Communities of DGBP's Day of Giving. This initiative invites supporters to show their support for the 400 men and women that make up The Communities of DGBP as well as the program's mission of embracing persons with intellectual disabilities with professional and compassionate care.

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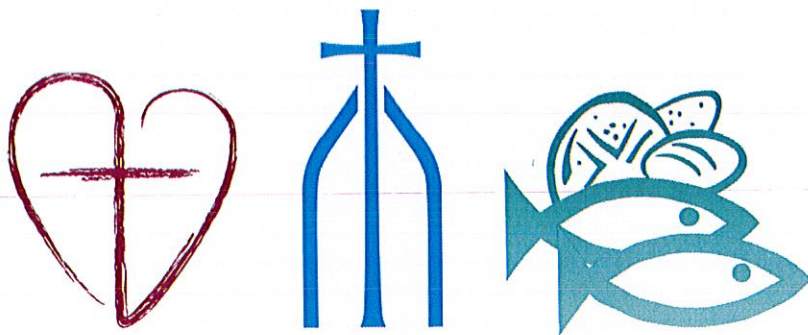
# THE NUMBERS *are In!*

**For the fiscal year ending June  
30, 2022...**

**608,699**

**lives were positively impacted  
by Archdiocese of Philadelphia's  
Catholic Human Services**

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**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES**



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# **HAITI ASYLUM CLINIC**

*Are you a citizen of Haiti interested in filing for asylum in the United States but aren't sure where to start? This clinic is for you.*

**Date: Thursday, November 16th, 2023  
Time: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Cost: Free**

Immigration attorneys and DOJ accredited representatives will walk you through the asylum application process. Clinic will be conducted in English with Haitian-Creole interpretation.

**Learn how to:**

- complete your asylum application
- send your application to USCIS on your own
- and more...

You will also receive an information packet in Haitian-Creole to help you file your asylum application on your own.

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**Space is limited.**  
**RSVP by emailing before November 6, 2023**  
**[nmorales@archphila.org](mailto:nmorales@archphila.org)**  
**with the subject: "Haiti Clinic".**

**We will provide the location address via email.**

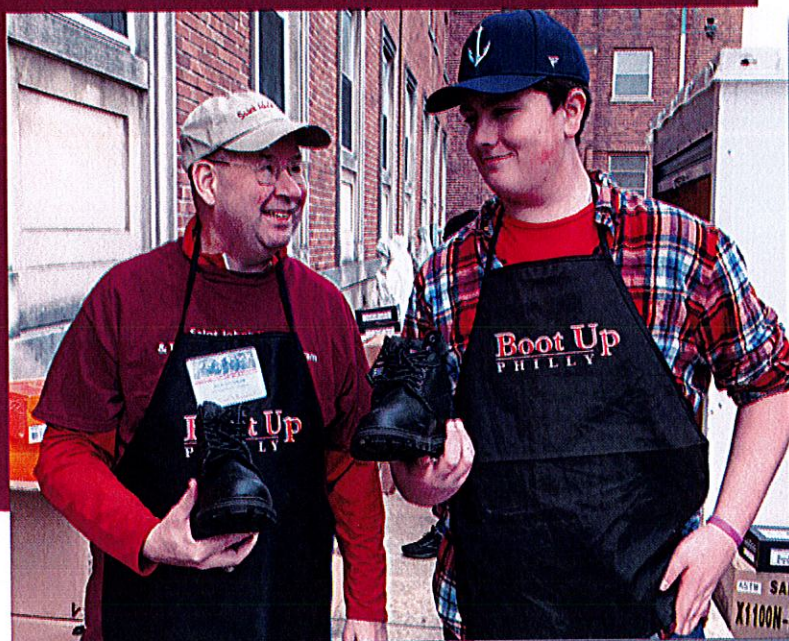


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