

# Catholic Charities, Providing Help...Creating Hope

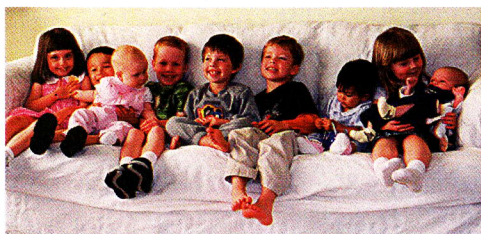


*Celebrating 75 Years of Assisting Oregonians in Need*



**Little did they know what would come of their efforts** when 14 lay Catholic leaders gathered with Archbishop Howard in 1933 to discuss the state of Catholic social service work in western Oregon. The great depression was raging and thousands of Oregonians were struggling as nearly one in four workers was unemployed. A plan developed by Fr. Lucien Lauerman was adopted and Catholic Charities was established to coordinate Catholic charitable work in Oregon.

**Good things happen when we work together**, and this collaboration between the Archbishop, laity and clergy - all of whom shared a deep conviction of the importance of Catholic people assisting our brothers and sisters in need - is a distinguishing feature of our heritage. This was true at the beginning of Catholic Charities and remains true today.



**And then the reach expanded** through the efforts of Fr. Valentine Moffenbeier, who helped establish Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley and Central Coast in 1938. Under the leadership of Msgr. Edmund Murnane, Catholic Community Services of Lane County was founded in 1952. Fr. Michael Fleming began the CYO in 1934 and in honor of Archbishop Howard, Camp Howard was organized in 1952. Catholic Charities in Southern Oregon was created in 1990.

**Here is some interesting history** about the first Catholic Charities Annual Campaign which took place in 1942. In a letter to parishioners of the Archdiocese, Catholic Charities' Director Fr. Jerome Schmitz, wrote: "The cost of providing for the home, care, food, clothing and medical attention for children is \$30 per month, per child. State aid provides \$16 and \$4 is received from the county; the remaining \$10 per month, per child must be supplied by private contributions." That first campaign raised enough funds to help 67 children.



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**Yes!** Count me in as a partner in your good work with the poor in western Oregon.

**My gift:**  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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*See reverse for additional giving opportunities.*

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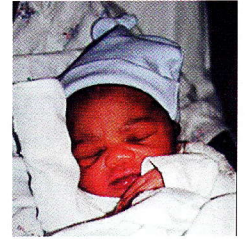
**Please make your tax-deductible gift payable to Catholic Charities.**

*Thank You!*



**As you can imagine**, costs are much higher today, but driven by faith, our mission to help poor and vulnerable people continues. With your support, thousands of Oregonians are assisted each year...and we do so with great efficiency. **Ninety-two cents of each dollar funds services for the poor** through:

- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Community Services of Lane County
- Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley & Central Coast
- Catholic Charities in Southern Oregon
- Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)/Camp Howard
- Numerous Grantee Agencies located throughout western Oregon



**Your gift is a lifeline and will help...**

- Homeless women obtain permanent supportive housing
- At-risk infants, children and youth have a chance in life
- Low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities secure decent housing
- Victims of domestic violence find safety and stability in their life

**Here is what some of them have to say...**

*"This is the beginning of a new life for me."* Lynn...formerly homeless woman now living in affordable, permanent supportive housing provided by Catholic Charities.

*"If I did not have the support of Catholic Community Services I would not be where I am today."* Bridget... received addiction treatment through Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley.

**We invite you to be part of this legacy** by making a special 75th Anniversary gift or pledge to the Catholic Charities 2008 Annual Campaign. *With your compassion and kindness, together we can give struggling people the opportunity to realize their dreams and aspirations and achieve their full potential!*

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