Thank You, GiveNOLA Donors!

Thank you to the more than 100 donors who helped us raise $14,525 on GiveNOLA Day! With your help and a generous $20,000 donation from the Donald Palmer Charitable Foundation, we raised a total of $34,525 in just 24 hours!

Your GiveNOLA donations are used as undesignated funds that allow Catholic Charities to serve those most immediately in need in our community. In the past year, these funds helped CCANO respond quickly and efficiently to natural disasters across our state, bringing hope and help to those affected.

Overall, GiveNOLA Day 2017 raised $4.9 million for more than 700 non-profits.

In the midst of spring cleaning? Clear out space in your garage by getting rid of that old car and donating it to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. Visit ccano.org/donate-items or call (504) 592-5694 for more information.

Don't Trade It,

Thank you again to all those who gave so generously on GiveNOLA Day! Please take time to reflect on what these gifts mean to the vulnerable, needy and at-risk individuals in our community served by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans.
CCANO Continues to Bring Relief to New Orleans East

On February 7, 2017, an EF-3 tornado devastated New Orleans East. Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans was on the ground later that same day offering counseling, helping to distribute food in collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank and helping those affected begin their journey to recovery.

In the six weeks that followed, Catholic Charities conducted intake and assessments for more than 400 individuals and families at the City of New Orleans Emergency Shelter and FEMA Disaster Resource Center. This process involves documenting the unmet needs of each client, which allows them to be prioritized by severity of need and level of vulnerability.

Additionally, CCANO housed and provided intensive case management to more than 30 individuals whose homes were uninhabitable due to the storm’s damage. All of these individuals were elderly, disabled or families with young children. Catholic Charities also offered 1,196 hours of disaster case management and facilitated 80 hours of volunteer labor.

Moving forward, Catholic Charities will function as part of a cooperative body of nonprofits, faith based and community organizations and government agencies making up the Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG). The group’s ultimate goal is to provide permanent disaster-resistant housing to those destroyed and re-establish a healthy, functioning community that will sustain itself over time. CCANO’s role will be to continue providing disaster case management for individuals and families affected by the tornado whose needs have not yet been met through the usual recovery process.

Thank you to all who donated to our recovery efforts! With your generous support, we have helped, and will continue to help, hundreds with counseling, case management, legal support and connections to countless other resources. To date, we have received over $149,000 in donations and grants to help us bring aid and relief to those in need.

Blue Jays’ Generosity Benefits Tornado Victims

In the wake of February’s destructive tornado in New Orleans East, faculty, staff and students at Jesuit High School knew they wanted to help in any way they could.

The school partnered with Youth Rebuilding New Orleans (YRNO), a local volunteer organization, and the Cummings-Wilson AME Church, which sustained significant damage from the tornado, to have students help remove debris and clean the church.

The school also raised over $3,500 through collections in their homerooms. The fundraising effort was schoolwide, with donations coming in from everyone from eighth graders to seniors to teachers and everyone in between. The intention, said Mr. Kevin Murphy, Jesuit’s Director of Community Service Programs, was to give the funds to Jesuit families affected by the storm.

However, the Blue Jay families whose homes had been damaged were able to pick up the pieces on their own. So, Jesuit began looking for organizations who were on the ground helping those in New Orleans East who needed it most. According to Murphy, donating the funds to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans seemed like a perfect fit.

“Jesuit’s mission is to develop in our students the competence, conscience and compassion to live their lives as men of faith and men for others,” said Mr. Murphy. “When a natural disaster hits our community, we think it’s important to do whatever we can to assist,” Murphy shared.

These funds will help Catholic Charities continue our long-term recovery efforts in the area. CCANO will continue to provide case management and help those affected by the tornado meet their needs and regain normalcy and self-sufficiency.

Thank you to the young men, teachers and faculty of Jesuit High School for their generosity and support!