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Faith in the Future



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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



I hope you and your families had a memorable summer! For me and my husband Steve, it was filled with exciting travel adventures and the joy of welcoming our beautiful granddaughter Riley into the world, our fourth grandchild.

An unexpected surprise revealed itself as we settled into our new offices at the former St. Rita Catholic School on Fontainebleau Drive. The beautiful church

bells from St Rita Church across the street can be heard throughout our day. Each ring is a reminder of our vibrant community and the unwavering support for Catholic Charities, particularly resounding as we launch our **Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA)** campaign this season.

For 60 years, the AHCA has empowered Catholic Charities to serve those most in need across our Archdiocese. **Laurendine Daniels**, with the help of the Cornerstone Re-Entry Program, is back behind the barber chair after regaining his license post-incarceration. The **Gayton family**, once

living in their van, is now safe in their new home thanks to Bridges to Self-Sufficiency. Your support changes lives!

As always, our volunteer-driven campaign is in the hands of thoughtful and compassionate campaign chairs, **Kevin and Nancy Colomb**. I am confident they can successfully help usher in our first AHCA campaign of Catholic Charities' second century of service. Our goal this year is \$2 million.

On the next page you can read more about Kevin and Nancy, whose passion for serving the community has made them naturals to lead this year's campaign. Longtime parishioners of St. Dominic Parish in Lakeview, their story - including how they first met - reinforces the adage that everything happens for a reason and challenges are simply shaping you for something greater in life.

At the heart of our community lies a PROMISE: to support our neighbors with their immediate needs while equipping them to tackle long-term challenges. Together, we're paving a path filled with HOPE and DIGNITY. Your commitment to Catholic Charities' mission is unparalleled and your support of the AHCA is another piece of the journey to bring light to those who need it the most.

With gratitude and blessings,

Cynthia T. Hayes
President and CEO

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

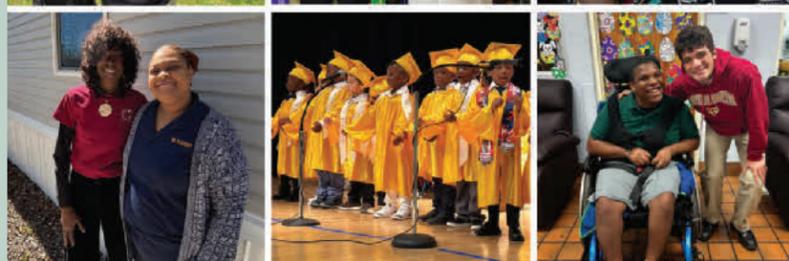


Double Your Impact at Catholic Charities

Did you know many companies match employee donations to Catholic Charities? It's a fantastic way to double your impact! Check if your employer participates using the "Double the Donation" search tool at the link below (or scan the QR code with your phone) and find the forms and guidelines you need to submit.

Let's make a difference together!

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Please remember Catholic Charities in your will.

Catholic Charities Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal



Join us in honoring Archbishop Philip Hannan's legacy of compassion and support! Each year, Catholic Charities drives vital funds through the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal to uplift our community's most vulnerable. This year's goal is \$2 million—let's make it happen together! Donate today and help us continue offering life-changing programs: www.ccano.org/ahca or simply scan the QR code at the right. *Your generosity makes a profound impact on those in need!*



Journey for AHCA Chair Couple Begins in Unexpected Setting

During summer break while attending LSU in 1975, Kevin ended up in the hospital after breaking his neck diving into shallow water. To the astonishment of his doctors, Kevin was not paralyzed. But Kevin did end up having to lay prone in his hospital bed for seven weeks with screws in his shaved head.

Kevin's time in the hospital gave him a lot of time to reflect.

"I got a lot closer with my faith and God after I broke my neck. I prayed the Rosary all the time after that happened, from morning to night," Kevin said.

Kevin also had lots of time for visitors.

Kevin connected with Nancy, who accompanied one of their mutual friends to visit him in the hospital. Nancy thought Kevin was "kind of goofy" at first but soon grew fond of him.

Nobody could have imagined that this experience would bring Kevin and Nancy together. Their pairing has led to a journey of giving back to others, which makes them the logical choice to chair this year's **Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA)**.

The **AHCA** was named in memory of Archbishop Philip M. Hannan, its founder, as a way of honoring his life's legacy of service to the poor in our community. The annual volunteer-driven campaign supports the works of Catholic Charities, raising funds for the many challenges facing our community. This year's goal is \$2 million.

The accident was a humbling experience for Kevin and made

him more mindful of his blessings, which further reinforced his lifelong inclination to never say no.

"That's how I was raised," said Kevin, who grew up in a faith-filled home, where his parents and grandparents were heavily involved in the church and community.

Nancy echoes Kevin's feelings on how faith has played a significant role in both of their lives.

"Our strong faith grew from our Catholic school education and particularly from each of their parishes. Our blessed children and grandchildren have also brought us wonderful recognition of faith," Nancy said.

"Serving with Catholic Charities highlights how service to others transforms lives—showing what faith really means."

Kevin has served in various capacities on the boards of the J. Edgar Monroe Foundation and Ozanam Inn. Nancy has been heavily involved with the St. Vincent's and St. Elizabeth's Guilds, both of which support several programs at Catholic Charities. Some of her first volunteer experiences included the Blue Rose Ball and the Chef's Charity, both benefitting St. Michael Special School.

Just as the AHCA emerged from the devastation of Hurricane Betsy, we're reminded that unexpected and tragic events often pave the way for beautiful beginnings. As AHCA chairs, Kevin and Nancy hope their journey resonates with those considering supporting the mission of unwavering compassion from Catholic Charities.



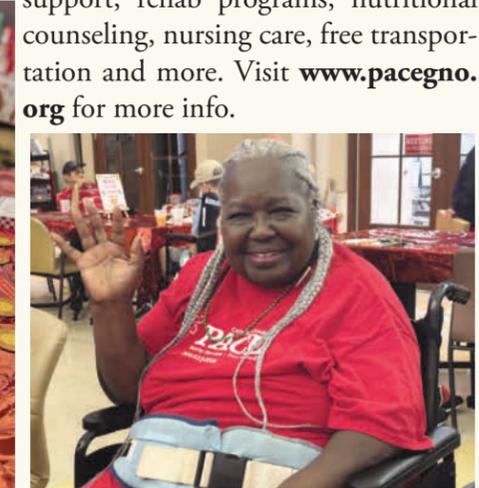
PACE Seniors Will Always Have a Pizza our Hearts



On National Senior Citizen Day, PACE staff served up smiles and joy for seniors during a pizza themed day! They cooked up an adventure-packed day with games, laughter, and delicious treats.

Let's raise a crust in honor of our wonderful seniors!

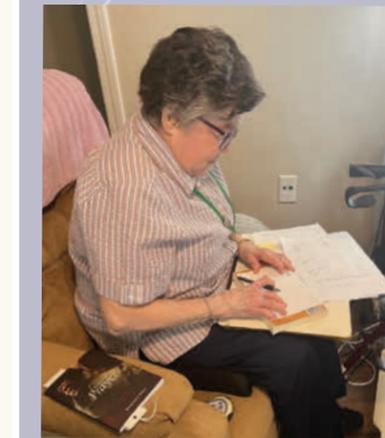
PACE's mission is to empower older adults to live in their homes and community for as long as possible. Their holistic care plan offers in-home support, rehab programs, nutritional counseling, nursing care, free transportation and more. Visit www.pacegno.org for more info.



Welcome Back Head Start Students!



Volunteers Add a Personal Touch to AHCA Appeal



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who answered our call for beautiful handwriting skills for the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal! Special shoutout to our friends from the Marianite community in Covington, whose elegant penmanship brought a personal touch to every addressed envelope. Your support means the world!

