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## **2011 Resource Directory**

### **Grundy, Kendall & Will Counties**

**Catholic Charities  
203 N. Ottawa Street  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-723-3405**

**Catholic Charities  
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## **ADOPTION**

### ***Catholic Charities Adoption Program***

*Office Location: 203 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

*Phone: Toll free at 877-844-HOPE*

*Contact: Administrative Assistant*

*Fee: Private adoption fee based on sliding scale*

*DCFS conversion adoption offers a subsidy to adoptive parents*

*Securing permanent homes for children who have suffered abuse and neglect, have special needs, older children and brothers and sisters who need to stay together. Adoption services for younger children are also available. Catholic Charities also does private adoptions of non-DCFS wards from other states and local children who are legally free to be adopted. International adoption home studies and post adoption work are provided in cooperation with various international adoption agencies. Adoption search services are available for persons seeking information on a previous Catholic Charities adoption.*

## **BABY ITEMS**

### ***The Giving Tree***

*Location: Lockport, IL (Call for location and referral information)*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

*Phone: 815-774-HOME (4663)—Daybreak Center*

*Contact: Emergency Services Case Manager*

*Fee: None*

*Providing vouchers for basic items including clothing, toiletries and household items. Vouchers may also be provided to St. Vincent de Paul stores.*

## **BASIC NEEDS**

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## **CHILD CARE**

### ***Catholic Charities Early Childhood Services Division***

*Office Location: 203 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will County**

*Phone: 815-724-1148 (English) or 815-724-1149 (Spanish)*

*Contact: Manager of Family and Community Partnerships or Assistant Director*

*Program provides Early Head Start/Head Start/childcare for children age birth to five years old. Families enrolling must provide proof of age and income eligibility. Applications are accepted year round.*

**Services offered to families at six center locations.**

*Alexandria Early Childhood Center, Bethlehem Lutheran Head Start, Broadway Head Start, Felman Early Childhood Center, Good Shepherd Head Start and St. John's Head Start Center.*

## **CLOTHING**

### ***The Giving Tree***

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*Contact: Emergency Services Case Manager*

*Fee: None*

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## **COUNSELING**

### ***Hands of Hope Counseling Services***

*Office Location: Various locations*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

*Phone: (800) 240-7011 – Central Intake*

*Contact: Counseling Secretary*

*Fee: Special accommodations are made to individuals and families who are struggling financially and who qualify for services at a reduced rate based on income. Most PPO insurance coverage and Medicare Part B also accepted. Catholic Charities programs sometime have funds available to pay for counseling for their clients.*

*Hands of Hope Counseling Services provides a range of therapeutic services with the goal of preserving, strengthening and protecting the emotional well -being of the individuals, couples and families. Services are provided to children, adolescents and adults who come from diverse racial, ethnic and spiritual backgrounds with counseling that is sensitive to cultural differences. Staff reflects the cultural and ethnic diversity of the population served. Staff is experienced in a variety of treatment modalities including marital, family and play therapy. Spirituality and the spiritual needs of the client are considered as an integral part of our counseling work.*

*The following services are available:*

- *Individual Counseling*
- *Family Counseling*
- *Couples Counseling*
- *Child and Adolescent Counseling*

*Counseling Groups offered include:*

- ***L.O.S.S. – Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide*** – support to those who have lost a loved one, relative or friend to suicide. (For location and meeting times call Central Intake at (800) 240-7011.)
- ***Anger Management***
- ***Domestic Violence***
- ***Substance Abuse***
- ***Children’s Groups***

## **EDUCATION**

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### ***Catholic Charities Out of Poverty Group***

*Office Location: Daybreak Center -- 611 E. Cass Street*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

*Contact: Assistant Director of Community Services*

*Phone: 815-774-4663*

*Fee: None*

*This program is only offered through Catholic Charities and is a unique program, similar to AA's 12 Step Program that addresses key issues for persons who feel imprisoned in poverty. Registrants in the program participate in 3-4 weekly classes and celebrate with a graduation ceremony.*

## **FOOD/MEALS**

### ***Catholic Charities Daybreak Center Emergency Services/Homelessness Prevention Program***

*Office Location: 611 East Cass Street, Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

*Phone: 815-774-HOME (4663)*

*Contact: Emergency Services Case Manager*

*Fee: None*

*Providing food vouchers and referrals to other agencies that can help too. Assistance based on assessed need, limited funds and availability.*

### ***Catholic Charities Shepherd's Table***

*Office Location: 611 East Cass Street, Joliet, IL 60432 (within Daybreak Center)*

**Service Area: All**

*Phone: 815-774-HOME (4663)*

*Fee: None*

*Free meal seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

## **FOSTER CARE**

### ***Catholic Charities Foster Care Program***

*Office Location: 203 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

*Phone: Toll Free at 877-844-HOPE*

*Contact: Administrative Assistant*

*Fee: none*

*Catholic Charities is always looking for foster parents for children who have been abused, neglected or suffered from a family crisis. We provide training and monitoring of foster parents and the children in their care. Catholic Charities also provides extraordinary support for our foster parents.*

***If you suspect child abuse, please call 1-800-25-ABUSE.***

## **FURNITURE**

### ***The Giving Tree***

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**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

*Phone: 815-774-HOME (4663)—Daybreak Center*

*Contact: Emergency Services Case Manager*

*Fee: None*

*Providing vouchers for basic items including clothing, toiletries and household items. Vouchers may also be provided to St. Vincent de Paul stores.*

## **HOUSING**

### ***Catholic Charities Daybreak Center***

#### ***Emergency Services/Homelessness Prevention Program***

*Office Location: 611 East Cass Street, Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties.**

*Phone: 815-774-HOME (4663)*

*Contact: Emergency Services Case Manager*

*Fee: None*

*Providing vouchers for rent and mortgage assistance. Assistance based on assessed need, limited funds and availability.*

## **PARENTING**

### ***Catholic Charities Parenting Classes***

*Office Location: Various locations*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy, DuPage, Kankakee/Bourbonnais**

*Phone: 800-240-7011*

*Fee: See Description*

*There are a variety of different two-hour classes offered for parents each week on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The cost per two-hour session is \$20 per person; \$25 per couple.*

*In addition, any one of these workshops can be presented in a variety of formats and time-spans for your organization at your location. Please contact Catholic Charities to discuss how to best meet your needs for parenting instruction that will make a positive and real difference in the lives of parents and children.*

*The following workshops are offered on a rotating basis. Please call Catholic Charities for a current schedule of this month's classes.*

**Effective Choices, Effective Parenting:  
Building Effective Relationships with Our Children**

**For parents of children ages 0-19**

*This two-hour workshop helps parents build on their existing strengths in order to win greater cooperation with their children. Topics discussed include: increasing mutual respect, positive communication and trust in the parent/child relationship; understanding how parent's behavior affects child's response; developing disciplinary techniques that work; providing children with the tools they need to survive and thrive in today's society.*

**Effective Choices, Effective Parenting:  
Building Effective Relationships with Our Young Children**

**For parents of children ages 0-4**

*This two-hour workshop assists parents of infants and toddlers in gaining a better understanding of their children's needs and behavior as they grow. In addition, it presents the well-researched and successful "Systematic Training for Effective Parenting Method" that enables parents to increase positive interaction with their children.*

**Effective Choices, Effective Parenting:  
Building Effective Relationships with Our School Aged Children**

**For parents of children ages 5 - 12**

*This two-hour workshop helps parents build on their existing strengths in order to win greater cooperation with their elementary aged children. In addition, it assists them in providing their children with the tools they need to survive and thrive in today's society.*

**Effective Choices, Effective Parenting:  
Building Effective Relationships with Our Teens**

**For parents of children ages 13 - 19**

*This two-hour workshop teaches participants practical, usable skills and insights on how to parent effectively during the challenging teen years.*

**Effective Choices, Effective Parenting:  
Building Effective Relationships with the Difficult Child**

*This two-hour workshop strengthens parent's skills to interact effectively with children who are suspected to have symptoms of ADD or who have been diagnosed with ADD or ADHD.*

## **PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE/COUNSELING**

### **Catholic Charities Maternity Services Program**

Office Location: 203 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties.**

Phone: 815-532-2034 pager (24-hour emergency assistance available)  
815-723-3053

Toll free, non-emergency assistance - 877-844-HOPE

Fee: None

*Helping women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy with counseling, medical, educational and financial planning, emergency assistance and alternative living arrangements.*

### **Catholic Charities Expectant Mother's Program**

Office Location: 203 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432

**Service Area: Will County**

Phone: 815-723-3405

Contact: Manager of Health and Nutrition

Fee: none

*Providing support services to low-income pregnant women throughout their pregnancy ensuring that they follow through with medical appointments, sign-up for WIC, have enough food for themselves and their family, etc. The program also promotes breast feeding, prenatal and postnatal care. One of the goals of the program is for each mother to enroll her child in the Home Base or Center Base option of the Early Head Start program in Will County.*

## **PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE**

### **Catholic Charities Daybreak Center**

### **Emergency Services/Homelessness Prevention Program**

Office Location: 611 East Cass Street, Joliet, IL 60432

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

Phone: 815-774-HOME (4663)

Contact: Emergency Services Case Manager

Fee: None

*Providing financial assistance for prescriptions. Assistance based on assessed need, limited funds and availability.*

## **RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE**

### ***Catholic Charities Daybreak Center Emergency Services/Homelessness Prevention Program***

*Office Location: 611 East Cass Street, Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

*Phone: 815-774-HOME (4663)*

*Contact: Emergency Services Case Manager*

*Fee: None*

*Providing rent and mortgage assistance. Assistance based on assessed need, limited funds and availability. Client must also meet criteria to be eligible.*

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

### ***Catholic Charities Back to School Fair***

**Service Area: Will County**

*Location: University of St. Francis, Joliet*

*Phone: 815-774-4663*

*Contact: Back to School Fair Coordinator*

*Annually in August, Catholic Charities holds a Back to School Fair for low-income families living in Will County. The Fair is a one-stop shop of free health and human services that include physical exams, immunizations, dental exams, vision screenings and an array of local program services. Each child also receives free school supplies.*

## **SENIOR PROGRAMS**

### ***Catholic Charities Retired and Senior Volunteer Program***

*Office Location: 203 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties**

*Phone: 815-723-3405*

*Contact: Director of Retired and Senior Volunteer Program*

*Fee: None*

*Helping people age 55 and older find volunteer opportunities in their community by matching their personal experience and interests.*

### ***Catholic Charities Senior Companion Program***

*Office Location: 203 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will County**

*Phone: 815-723-3405*

*Contact: Director of Senior Companion Program*

*Fee: None*

*Offering adults, age 55 and over, the opportunity to support their homebound peers through home visits. Eligible Senior Companions earn a modest tax-free stipend and generally volunteer up to 20 hours per week.*

### **Foster Grandparent Program**

*Office Location: 203 N. Ottawa Street , Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will County**

*Phone: 815-723-3405*

*Contact: Director of Foster Grandparent Program*

*Fee: None*

*Offering adults, age 55 and older, an opportunity to work with children with special needs in schools, preschools and daycare centers. Foster grandparents earn a modest tax-free stipend and generally work about 20 hours per week.*

## **SHELTERS/EMERGENCY HOUSING**

### **Catholic Charities Daybreak Center (Shelter for homeless individuals and families)**

*Location: 611 East Cass Street, Joliet, IL 60432*

**Service Area: Will, Grundy, Kendall, Ford, Kankakee & Iroquois Counties.**

**Individuals coming from other areas will receive three nights to find alternate housing arrangements.**

*Phone: 815-774-HOME (4663)*

*Contact: Case Manager On-Call*

*Fee: None*

*Program provides 24-hour shelter, 365 days a year, for individuals and families. Other services for shelter residents include: case management services and linkage with other services, educational assessments, on-site childcare for parents while in classes at the Center, job training and placement services, health assessments, counseling and support groups, access to on-site HELP food pantry and other basic needs.*

## **SUICIDE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP**

### **Catholic Charities L.O.S.S. Program- Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide**

*Office Location: This group is offered in several locations. Please call for closest location to you.*

*Phone: (800) 240-7011*

*Contact: Counseling Secretary*

*Fee: None*

*Provides support to those who have lost a loved one, relative or friend to suicide.*

## **SUPPORT GROUPS/COUNSELING**

### **Catholic Charities Support/Educational Groups**

- **Anger Management** – offered in Joliet, Lombard, Kankakee and Morris offices. Court referrals welcome. Contact Central Intake at (800) 240-7011.
- **L.O.S.S. – Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide** – See Suicide Survivors Support Group for information. Contact Central Intake at (800) 240-7011
- **See Parenting for information on Parenting Classes/Groups**
- **Catholic Charities Out of Poverty Group** - This program is only offered through Catholic Charities and is a unique program, similar to AA's 12 Step Program that addresses key issues for persons who feel imprisoned in poverty. Registrants in the program participate in 3-4 weekly classes and celebrate with a graduation ceremony. Offered at Daybreak Center, 611 E. Cass Street, Joliet. No fee. For more information, contact Housing Services Supervisor at 815-774-4663.