



SAN JUAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWSLETTER

Dec. 2014 ❄️ 119 W. Broadway – Farmington, NM (505)325-3734 **Blessed are those concerned for the lowly and poor - Ps. 41**

San Juan Catholic Charities is committed to serving according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We uphold the value of all human life. We provide compassionate, respectful and just assistance and service to everyone, especially the poor and vulnerable. We uphold the social teachings of the Church and advocate for social justice.



Saturday, November 29th 5:00 – 9:00 Art Walk

On Small Business Saturday, Catholic Charities will be hosting one of the Art Walk stops at its 119 W. Broadway location, where 3 local artists will be showcasing their art pieces. The art will be displayed for general public appreciation, and will be offered for sale for those on a Christmas shopping quest. Each of the 3 artisans is donating one piece for raffle to benefit SJCC. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Refreshments of cider and cookies will be available. Local musicians will be providing live background music, adding to the festive Art Walk experience at this location. Please come and enjoy.

Friday, December 12th – The Farmington Health Department’s annual sponsorship and service of a breakfast at the drop in center. (Thanks!)

Saturday, December 13th – Work Session Meeting 10:00 –12:00

Plan and allocate tasks/shifts for upcoming projects. If you want to get involved with SJCC, this is the meeting to attend for projects to get done. All are welcome. (Work Session Meetings are 2nd Saturday each month.)

December 13 & 14 – Food Drive at St. Mary’s Church (all Masses)

Bags to be distributed the week before (Dec 6&7) Coordinated by: Jolee Calkins

SJCC Director's Corner - by Debe Betts

Welcome! We are so excited to provide our first SJCC newsletter to our friends and community! Our goal in this newsletter is to share information about what is happening, what may be needed, and how friends can help and participate. We also want to post recognitions to thank our many volunteers and supporting organizations. Going forward, this will be a quarterly newsletter. I hope that you will enjoy these insights to SJCC. I hope this information will help you to know better the good work being done, and that you will feel welcome to participate and support the referenced events and programs.

Special thanks to Heidi Hill for taking on the task of drafting the newsletter, and Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation for their wonderful sponsorship of her efforts and the associated paper and postage.

This is the season of Thanksgiving, and I am very thankful for all of the wonderful support provided to SJCC, through so many benefactors and volunteers. I feel very honored and blessed in this position as Director, to see every day the generosity and deep giving spirit of our community; true giving from the heart, for the poor and vulnerable of our community. Thank you!

May God bless you in this holiday season!



Merry CHRISTmas!

Upcoming Events:

Feb 1-8 Scouting for Food (Boy Scout food drives)
March (Date TBD) – Sam’s Club food drive
April – Spring letter campaign

More Future Events:

Art Walk – held several times per year in downtown area – provide location to host 3 artists in effort to promote SJCC in community
Sam’s Club food drive twice a year (Mar & Oct)
Church food drives in rotation throughout year
August 8 – Annual Open House (Sat 10:00-2:00) tour & program info – meet staff & DH clients
September – promote service opportunities with Confirmation age youth and boy scouts in effort to support youth, promote SJCC, and complete needed projects via enthusiastic youth volunteers.

November 2015 (Date TBD) – ‘Share Your Blessings’ raffle & dinner event @ KOC hall. (1st annual harvest theme evening to celebrate the good works of SJCC, promote the goals of the coming year, and raise needed funds at a fun sharing event.)

SJCC Board:

Debe Betts - Director
Tim McGuire - President
Larry Palmer - Vice President
Teresa Garcia - Recording Secretary
Kristy Howard - Treasurer
Karen Georgina, Don Stuart, Fr. Chacon,
Josh Carey, George Francis, John Gillen,
Rebekah Santiago, Rafael Santiago,
and Kyle Westall.

SJCC Staff:

Debe Betts - Director
Juanita Madrid - Immigration Specialist
Josefina Monclova - Immigration Assistant
Louise Baca - Drexel House Case Manager
Betty Newton - AM Drop In Center Manager
Phil Baca - PM Drop In Center Manager

Check it out!
SJCC is on Facebook





A big "THANK YOU" to Bernadones, Si Senior and Great Harvest Bread for their ongoing support in providing food items for support of the drop in center. ☺

A big "THANK YOU" to First Baptist Church of Bloomfield, St. Mary's Men's Group, St. Mary's Youth Group, and Boy Scout Troop 179 for their ongoing support in providing and serving evening meals at the drop in center. ☺

A big "THANK YOU" to our friends at the local LDS Churches! A case food drive was held at the LDS Stake Center on November 15th to benefit the pantries at ECHO and SJCC. SJCC received 2350 pounds of food and \$1425 for the pantry, to feed the needy in our community. ☺

A big "THANK YOU" to Staples for their donation of office supplies.

A big "THANK YOU" to the Sacred Heart Church congregation and two of their Confirmation youth - Bobby Brooks and Kory Chavez. These 2 boys planned and led the food drive held at SHC Nov 15 & 16 as their Confirmation Social Justice Project. 2100 pounds of food and \$200 was collected for the pantry. Great job guys! Also many thanks to the SHC community! ☺

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How can I help?

- Volunteer for shifts to provide & serve meals at the drop in center
- Clean and ready apartments when needed at Drexel House
- Assist pantry coordinator in preparing food boxes for the needy
- Assist to plan and lead a food drive to benefit the pantry
- Donate food items to the pantry
- Donate funds to support SJCC and its programs
- Assist with building maintenance needs
- Serve as a SJCC board member to plan, budget and fund raise
- Pray for our board, staff, volunteers, benefactors and clients
- Come to a monthly work session meeting and find out more

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. — Matt 25:40

San Juan Catholic Charities
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Thank you Lord for all of our wonderful staff, volunteers and benefactors. We pray for your blessings upon them in thanksgiving for their service and support.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



Powdered milk, rice, dry beans, cereal, juices, peanut butter, pastas & sauces, mac & cheese, flour, sugar, jellies, infant formula, various canned foods (vegetables, soups, milk, fruits, tuna, chicken), Ensure-type liquid supplements, specialty foods (low fat, low salt, sugar free), etc. (Please be sure items are standard family sizes, as SJCC can not re-portion huge food packages.)

DROP IN CENTER NEEDS

Knit hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, socks, sweatshirts, sweaters, tooth brushes, toothpaste, disposable razors

GENERAL NEEDS

8.5x11 copy paper
Forever postage stamps

NEW

Donations to SJCC can now be made by credit or debit card easily via Square. Just call the office to inquire and get donation processed.

SJCC OFFICE HOURS: M & T 10:00-1:30
W & Th 10:00-12 & 1:00-5
F 10:00-12:00
*Immigration by aptmt

DROP IN CENTER HOURS:

M – F 6:00 am - 11:00 am
and M – Th 4:30 pm till dinner is done

DREXEL HOUSE: 4 units (2 occupied & 2 soon to be occupied)