

## 2019 Appeal Bulletin Messages

### January 19-20 – April 20-21

#### Jan. 19-20

**Help your neighbor find hope** is the theme for the 2019 Appeal in support of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith. Last year, thanks to the generous support of donors like you throughout Western New York, Catholic Charities was able to positively impact the lives of more than 150,000 children, families and seniors across our eight counties with everything from basic needs like food, clothing and shelter, to counseling and parent education and support. Appeal Chairs John and Ruthanne Daly announced our goal of \$11 million and the patron of the 2019 Appeal, St. Faustina, who was known for her vision of the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and deep devotion of spreading his message of mercy and trust. Through your donation, you, too, can show great mercy and help others find hope. We look forward to working with you now through Appeal Week or until our goal is reached. Find out more at [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org) or call 716-218-1400.

#### Jan. 26-27

**Create a ripple effect.** Each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$3 to \$4 of government support and contracts – meaning your gift goes three to four times as far. Every dollar counts, because more funding means more services for those who are in need. Your donation can **help your neighbor find hope**. Check out new gift designation options when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400.

#### Feb. 2-3

**Here when you need it.** When there is nowhere else to turn, Catholic Charities is a beacon of hope and support for those most in need. Across the eight counties of Western New York, Catholic Charities is ready to provide basic and emergency assistance whenever crisis strikes. Your Appeal gift helps keep this safety net in place for so many of your neighbors in need. You can help them find hope in the midst of devastation. Check out our new gift designation options when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400. **Help your neighbor find hope.**

#### Feb. 9-10

**“I am safe, my child is safe and we have a whole new beginning.”** That is what one mother shared after being helped by basic emergency services and the Rapid Rehousing Program at Catholic Charities. Your gift to the 2019 Appeal keeps mothers and children safe, stable and together. To make a secure donation online, visit [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation). Select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400. **Help your neighbor find hope.**

#### Feb. 16-17

**Our Domestic Violence Program for Men** is just one of the many services offered through Catholic Charities of Buffalo. Daniel entered the program for 26 weeks following a court order. “I enjoyed coming every week,” Daniel said. “I learned how to have respect for women and others, and how to be calmer. It destabilized the theory of a man needing to be macho.” After completing the program, Daniel’s case was closed and his harassment charges were dropped. Our Domestic Violence Program for Men is offered in all eight counties of Western New York. **Your donation to the 2019 Appeal helps us to continue to mentor, counsel and change hearts for the better** across Western New York. Select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400. **Help your neighbor find hope.**

#### Feb. 23-24

**Investing today in tomorrow’s future.** Catholic Charities wants to give others the tools to succeed in life, and that’s why we’re continuously making strides with our Workforce and Education Services. As the administrator of the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative (ESPRI) in Niagara Falls, Catholic Charities is working with the City of Niagara Falls and other partners to create a pipeline of social, educational and training services to bring Niagara Falls residents out of poverty and unemployment and

into stable employment. Additionally, Catholic Charities provides outreach, recruiting, career coaching and wrap-around case management at the Northland Workforce Training Center on Buffalo's east side; and recently celebrated the grand opening of its new workforce and education headquarters also on the east side. **It's just one way we are helping our neighbors find hope.** Will you help us in our mission? Donate to the 2019 Appeal. Call (716) 218-1400 or visit [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation).

### **March 2-3**

**Roger was providing a good life for himself and his children. Then things changed in an instant.** He lost his job and was evicted when he couldn't pay rent. "I felt terrible knowing that my kids used to have enough food, a place to live and good things that kids want," Roger said. Losing hope, Roger came to Catholic Charities, where he received assistance with food, medicine, clothing and household items. Soon, his luck changed and he found employment and regained stability in his life and his children's. Your donation to the 2019 Appeal helps people like Roger and his children. **Help your neighbor find hope.** You can select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400.

### **March 9-10**

Jennifer, a mother of three, came to Catholic Charities seeking help for her eldest child, Andrew, as he had become physically and verbally abusive to his younger siblings and was also skipping school. The family began working with Catholic Charities Multisystemic Therapy Program, an intensive, family-focused intervention service to target and resolve the issues they were facing. **Through the program and their therapist Kelly, Jennifer feels her household has regained peace and she has regained control as a mother.** Your donation to the 2019 Appeal will help mothers like Jennifer find renewed hope and children like Andrew walk a stronger, positive path. **Help your neighbor find hope.** Select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400.

### **March 16-17**

When Karen and her husband John found themselves living in a hotel, without food and money, and expecting a baby, they knew they needed help. **Not knowing where else to turn, they came to Catholic Charities.** "From the moment we walked in to the Catholic Charities office, they helped us," said Karen. "A social worker helped us get a meal and some groceries right away." Catholic Charities also collaborated with other agencies to secure Karen and John temporary housing, and set up a food supply so the two wouldn't go hungry as they got back on their feet. **"We really didn't think we were going to make it," Karen added. "But Catholic Charities helped us. Catholic Charities will help us. Catholic Charities helps everyone."** Help families like Karen and John find hope with your 2019 Appeal gift. You can select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400.

### **March 23-24**

Growing up in a neighborhood riddled with gang activity, Jah-Keem was just 9 when he fell in with the wrong crowd. **By age 10, he was working as a mule carrying drugs.** Despite his mother's best efforts, he continued down that troublesome path until his mother moved them to a new neighborhood. While he stayed out of trouble, Jah-Keem did find himself falling behind in school academically, and it wasn't long before he dropped out. **With no diploma and no job, Jah-Keem's cousin suggested Catholic Charities.** Upon his arrival, he linked up James from the agency's Workforce and Education Services to obtain his high school equivalency degree. "Coming to Catholic Charities was the best move I ever made," he said. "James told me he saw potential in me and nobody but my momma ever told me that before." Today, Jah-Keem has his diploma in hand and is working a full-time job. **Will you help others like Jah-Keem find hope?** Call 716-218-1400 or visit [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation).

### **March 30-31**

With Catholic Charities, your dollar goes further. **Each dollar raised during Catholic Charities' annual Appeal leverages an additional \$3 to \$4** of government support and contracts. **No gift is too small to make an impact in the lives of thousands of Western New Yorkers in need.** Will you help your

neighbor find hope? You can select your new new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400.

#### **April 6-7**

**Appeal Week 2019 kicks off this weekend.** Please help us reach our goal of \$11 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps strengthen, protect and empower thousands of people across Western New York. **Your gift helps your neighbor find hope.** Will you choose to help those who need it most? Call 716-218-1400 or visit [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation).

#### **April 13-14**

**This is the second weekend of Appeal Week 2019!** Now is the perfect time to help your neighbor find hope by making a donation if you haven't done so already. Every day, Catholic Charities is helping those who are most in need. Our services help protect, strengthen and empower the people of Western New York. **Your gift allows others to find peace, kindness, strength, hope.** You can select your new new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400.

#### **April 20-21**

**Jesus, through his death and resurrection, gave us unwavering hope.** Today, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior's glory, and celebrate his promise of eternal life! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Faustina, who devoted her life to sharing Jesus' message of divine mercy. Thank you for showing mercy to those most in need in Western New York. **Together with your generous support, we are helping our neighbors find hope.** Thank you for your continued support of the 2019 Appeal!