

# Catholic Charities Corner for

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVING PORTAGE & STARK COUNTIES

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*Below is information from Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties that can be inserted into your parish bulletins at any time during the month of February. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown.*

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, which begins this month, enables Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties to extend the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to those who are poor, vulnerable and without hope. Through tangible assistance and other essential services, Catholic Charities affirms human dignity, meets basic human needs, strengthens families, builds communities, and empowers others to transform their lives. Please be generous in your support for this year's Bishop's Appeal.

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Jesus reminds us that what we do for the least among us, we do for him. This past year, thousands of people—many of whom live and work in your community—came to Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties for assistance with food, shelter, clothing, utilities and other basic needs. Because of your support for the Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, these individuals and families received the help and hope they needed for a better tomorrow. Please help Catholic Charities help the poor by making a commitment to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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Every day in Portage and Stark Counties, people who are hungry look for food; people who are homeless look for shelter; and people who feel forgotten look for care and compassion. Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties provides help and creates hope for thousands of individuals and families each year. Your support for the Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church makes this important work possible. Please be generous in your support for the 2018 Bishop's Appeal.

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Your commitment to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church allows you to show your concern for others, while expressing your gratitude to God for the many blessings you have received. Without the generosity of people like you who faithfully support the Bishop's Appeal, Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus in the Gospels. If you have already made a gift to the 2018 Appeal, thank you! If you if not made a gift, please know that your support—regardless of how great or small—impacts the lives of real people in Portage and Stark Counties who are struggling to make ends meet. Please pray for the success of the 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, and thank you for your generous support.