

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



CATHOLIC CHARITIES BUREAU



.... We profess the dignity of each person as a creation of God. This truth becomes the foundation of our great respect and love of each individual

MISSION STATEMENT
CATHOLIC CHARITIES BUREAU

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities:

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that I say farewell to all of the wonderful, caring and generous people I have met over the past seven years who support and encourage the work of Catholic Charities Bureau in the Diocese of Superior. The sadness, obviously, comes from having to say good-bye. The joy comes in knowing that the Lord has set a course not only for my life but for the good work performed daily by Catholic Charities Bureau.

While responding to the changing economic, social, and demographic trends within each unique community within the Diocese of Superior, Catholic Charities Bureau has a presence in 72 communities throughout the Northland. We do what we can, with what we have. As the Patron Saint of our Diocese, St. Augustine of Hippo observed, "Right is Right, even if no one is doing it." Catholic Charities Bureau focuses our help on essential services to assist the poor, the elderly, persons with disabilities, families living in poverty, and children with special needs. It is Right that we do this, even if charity and caring are temporarily out of fashion.

Catholic Charities Bureau serves as the social ministry arm of the Diocese of Superior providing help and creating hope for people of all races, faith traditions, backgrounds, and economic status. With the dedicated guidance of the Membership and the Boards of Directors, our staff and volunteers strive to be a visible sign of God's love for all His people. God's love is never out of fashion.

As I assume my duties in Idaho, I ask you to pray for me, that I have an understanding heart, and to pray for my successor, your new Bishop. Your support of Catholic Charities Bureau is sincerely appreciated by all who perform the Mission of Catholic Charities Bureau.

As I remain yours in Christ,



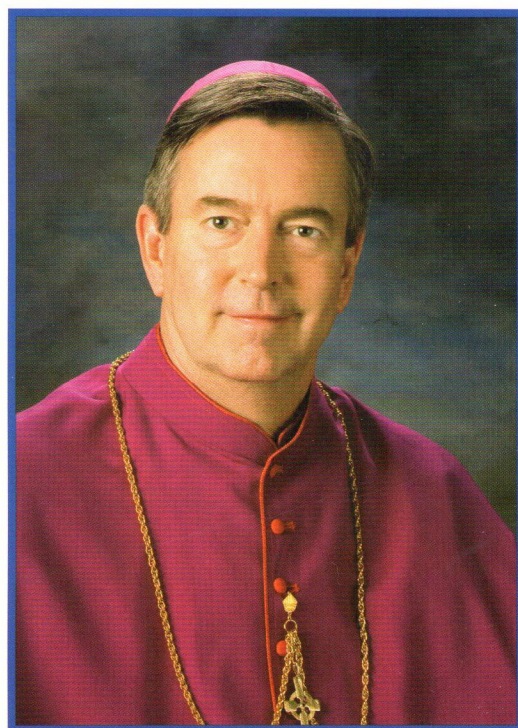
Most Reverend Peter F. Christensen
Diocesan Administrator

Bishop Peter Christensen, President
(seated)

Fr. James Powers, Vice President
(second from left)

Fr. James Tobolski, Secretary
(standing, right)

Alan Rock, Treasurer
(standing, left)



CCB MEMBERSHIP

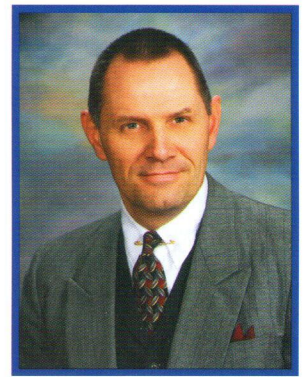


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Dear Friend of Catholic Charities:

All of us at Catholic Charities end 2014 with a deep sense of gratitude. Our programs and our service to those people most in need in our Diocese have continued to not only survive, but to grow and expand in their impact, in the number of communities we serve, and in the number of people we have assisted. We are sincerely grateful for the encouragement and support provided of our work by our volunteers, our benefactors, our board directors and our dedicated staff.



It is with gratitude and sorrow that all of us at Catholic Charities bid farewell to Bishop Peter Christensen who, as our President, guided our organization for the past seven years. Bishop Peter has been a visionary, encouraging all of us to apply our collective skills and talents to the pressing issues of our society in northern Wisconsin, to serve those people most marginalized by society, and to be thankful for the opportunities the Lord has provided to perform our work as a visible sign of the love of God for all His people. We know the faithful of the Diocese of Boise will benefit each day from his calm, assuring leadership, his wisdom and guidance. As we look forward to meeting our new Bishop, we pray for the success of Bishop Peter in this new assignment and know he will be blessed in his new endeavors. He has helped each of us to better serve those people who are most in need of our care and concern.

We are also sincerely appreciative of the gift of time, talent, energy and ideas provided by the volunteers in our programs in northern Wisconsin and the Arrowhead region of Minnesota. They have stepped into the breach and have supported our efforts with invaluable contributions when gaps in service, brought on by shortages in funding, have occurred during these uncertain times. Our benefactors, through their generosity and their belief in the shared responsibility of all of us in society to assist our neighbor, have provided essential financial resources to shore up the funding of essential programs. Our devoted staff members, and the community leaders who serve so selflessly on the boards of our local programs, have dedicated extra efforts to ensure that the resources at our disposal have been used effectively and efficiently.

At Catholic Charities Bureau we have much to be thankful for. We are most thankful for the goodwill of all of our supporters, who have given us their respect, understanding and trust. We look forward to the challenges we will all joyously share in 2015.

Matt Crowell
Chairperson

Alan Rock
Executive Director

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Paul Thornton, left, Director of Black River Industries in Medford and Alan Rock, right, Executive Director of Catholic Charities Bureau, congratulate Dan Firnstahl, center, for receiving the Extra Mile Employee Award. Dan has delivered Meals on Wheels for 17 years in the Medford area. Mr. Thornton said of Dan, "Dan always goes the extra mile for his customers and for Black River Industries. We all work hard here, but there is no one who has walked that mile more often than he, literally, day after day!"



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES BUREAU SPONSORS NEW AFFILIATE

Effective December 9th, 2014 a new corporation to serve people with intellectual disabilities in Barron County was established with the affiliation of Barron County Developmental Disabilities, Inc. to Catholic Charities Bureau. This organization was reincorporated as Barron County Developmental Services, Inc.

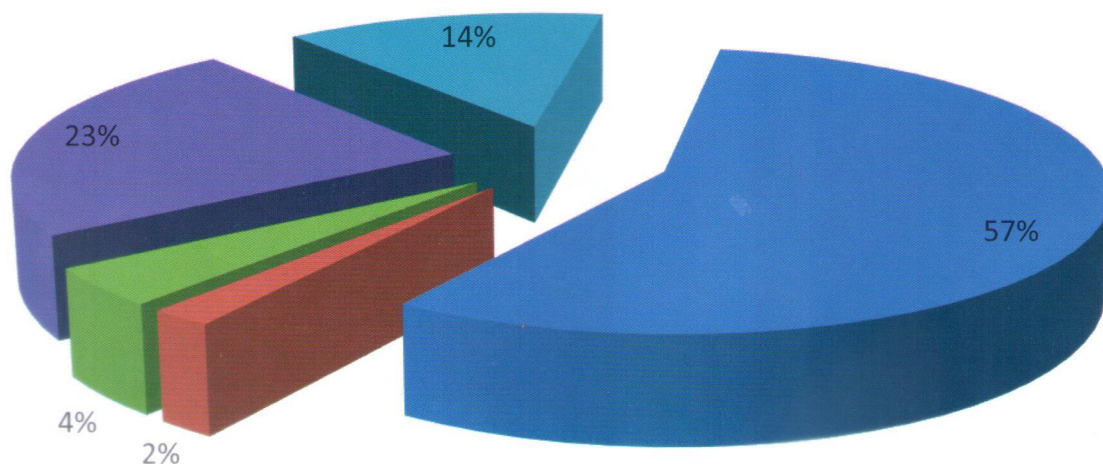
“Catholic Charities Bureau is very proud to become the sponsor of Barron County Developmental Services and to continue the work of a dedicated organization that has provided essential services to people with intellectual disabilities since 1974.” said Mr. Matt Crowell, Chair of the Catholic Charities Bureau Board of Directors. “The missions of the two organizations are complimentary of one another and we value the outstanding reputation for excellence Barron County Developmental Services has achieved over the years. We are very grateful to the Board for recognizing Catholic Charities Bureau as the best organization to continue their mission and their long tradition of quality in services and programs.”

The new organization, Barron County Developmental Services, Inc. will assist 55 people with employment, employment training, and community based services. Catholic Charities Bureau currently operates programs serving people with intellectual disabilities in Superior, Rhinelander, Siren, and Medford, Wisconsin and housing programs providing safe, affordable apartments for over 550 people with special needs throughout its 16 county service area in northern Wisconsin. Catholic Charities Bureau has 55 programs and services providing assistance to those in need in 72 communities in northern Wisconsin and the Arrowhead region of Minnesota.

“We look forward to working with the people of Barron County to assure a smooth transition and a continuation of all essential services.” said Mr. Crowell.

Catholic Charities Bureau 2014 projected operations by element \$19,666,374 / 650 Employees

■ Comm Rehab ■ Child Srv ■ Vol Prog ■ Housing ■ Health Therapy



CATHOLIC CHARITIES BUREAU HAS 55 PROGRAMS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES



Elladore Leiviska is assisted by Katie Fill, an Occupational Therapist with **Dove Home Health Professionals**, with homemaking skills and training.



Maya Mitchell and Cash Rudolph prepare a meal in their kitchen while Jayden Schaefer tests the new cookware at the **Hudson Community Children's Center**. The new dramatic play area was funded by a grant from the Sarah Shinn Marshal Fund and presented by the Hudson Chapter of the Philanthropic Education Organization.



Susie Wegner (left), Oneida County Department on Aging, along with Lori Bushong (right), Director of the **Retired Senior Volunteer Program** in Rhinelander, teach Alice Madjer (center) how to prevent falls in their class **Stepping On**.

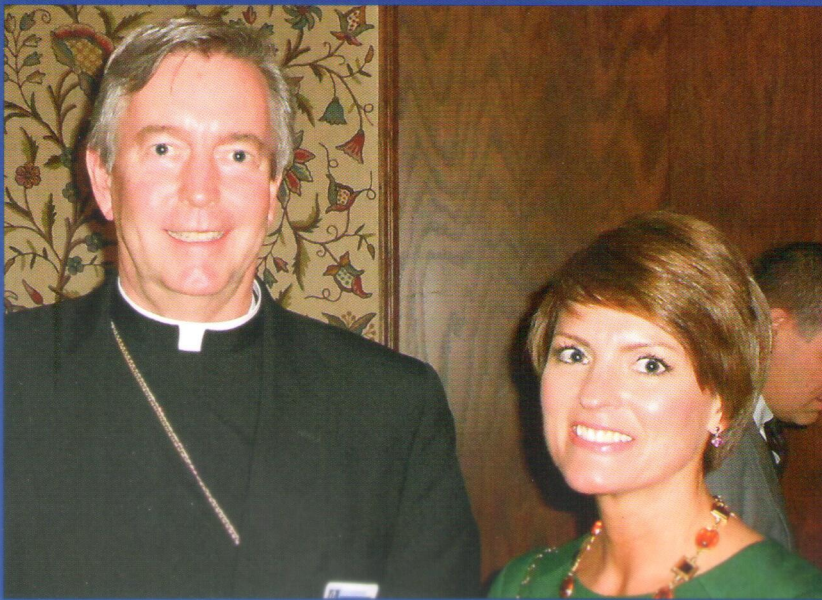
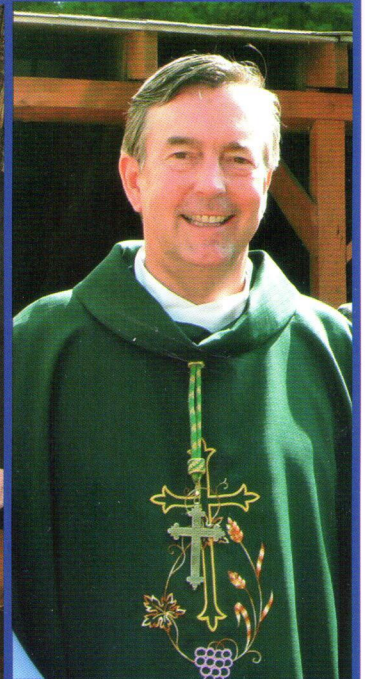
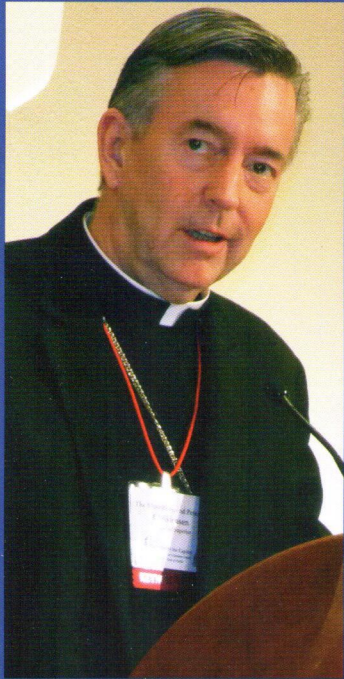


Barb Krizan is cooking up something good! **Black River Industries**, Medford, offers program participants supportive home care as well as training in the activities of daily living, thus enabling them to maintain independence in the community.



Martial Arts skills are demonstrated at the Mariner Mall in Superior by consumers from the **Challenge Center**. This group recently won a trophy in their division at a tournament in Duluth. Benefits include fitness, strength, flexibility, increased coordination, socialization, teamwork, discipline, and building of self-esteem.

**BISHOP PETER CHRISTENSEN
PRESIDENT, CATHOLIC CHARITIES BUREAU, INC. 2007-2014
THANK YOU, BISHOP PETER!!**

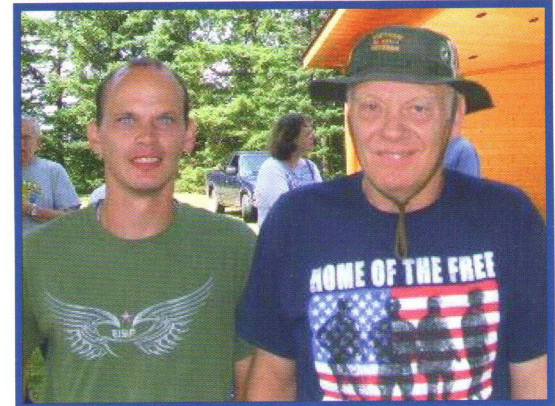


SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Central Administration	Superior	715-394-6617
HOME HEALTH CARE		
The Dove Home Health Care	Superior	715-392-3133
Dove Agency Private Duty Nursing	Superior	715-392-3133
SENIOR HOUSING		
Acorn Apartments	Crandon	715-369-2550
Acorn Apartments	Minong	715-236-2366
Centennial Apartments	Medford	715-748-6962
Eastwood Apartments	Medford	715-748-6962
Evergreen Apartments	Chetek	715-925-2015
Evergreen Apartments	Shell Lake	715-236-2366
Highland Apartments	Barron	715-925-2015
Lilac Grove Apartments	Siren	715-925-2015
Maywood Apartments	Plover	715-421-0080
Phoenix Villa	Superior	715-394-2012
Phoenix Villa of Iron River	Iron River	715-394-2012
Phoenix Villa of Lake Nebagamon	Lake Nebagamon	715-394-2012
Phoenix Villa of Rhinelander	Rhinelander	715-369-2550
Winterhaven Apartments	Winter	715-236-2366
SENIOR & VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS		
Volunteer Services Department	Superior	715-394-5384
Foster Grandparent Program	Superior	
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	Superior	
Open Your Heart to Haiti	Rhinelander	715-369-1919
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	Rhinelander	715-369-1919
SERVICES TO FAMILIES		
Housing Counseling Program	Superior	715-394-6617
Lead Free Douglas County 2010	Superior	715-394-6617
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN		
Headwaters, After School Program	Rhinelander	715-369-1337
Headwaters, Birth to Three	Rhinelander	715-369-1337
Hudson Community Children's Center/Headstart	Hudson	715-386-5912
SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES		
Acorn Apartments	Wisconsin Rapids	715-421-0080
Apple River Apartments	Amery	715-925-2015
Barron County Developmental Services	Barron	715-537-5341
Black River Industries	Medford	715-748-2950
Blue Valley Apartments	Rice Lake	715-236-2366
Challenge Center	Superior	715-394-2771
Cypress Group Home	Superior	715-394-2771
Deerhaven	Superior	715-394-2771
Diversified Services Center	Siren	715-349-5724
Eastwood Apartments	Medford	715-748-6962
Elmwood Apartments	Superior	715-394-2012
Evergreen Apartments	Rhinelander	715-369-2550
Evergreen Apartments	Siren	715-925-2015
Harborview Group Home	Superior	715-394-2771
Headwaters	Rhinelander	715-369-1337
Maywood Apartments	Medford	715-748-6962
McKenzie Manor	Superior	715-394-2771
Missouri Garden Apartments	Superior	715-394-2771
Mountain View Group Home	Superior	715-394-2771
Northfield Apartments	Duluth	715-394-2012
Oakwood Apartments	Superior	715-394-2012
Phoenix Villa of Hayward	Hayward	715-236-2366
Phoenix Villa North	Rice Lake	715-236-2366
Sumac Trail Apartments	Rhinelander	715-369-2550
Westbay Apartments	Superior	715-394-2012
Woodview Group Home	Superior	715-394-2771



Amy Wieting is cooking Pigs In A Blanket to be served in the **Headwaters** canteen in Rhinelander. Cooking is a part of Amy's Life Skills class through the Day Services program at Headwaters.



Steve DeMarre (left) and Lloyd Anderson (right) have no fear of spicy food!! Steve suggested the Hot Pepper Challenge for **Diversified Services Center (DSCI)** employee appreciation picnic in Siren. Steve grows his own hot peppers and is the resident expert on all things peppers! Both Steve and Lloyd, along with Joe Wacek, DSCI Director, were able to withstand the hottest peppers made available!



Audrey Carson, Debra Dirk, and Dorothy Franz (left to right) show off their home-made creations for the annual tenant appreciation picnic at **Centennial Apartments in Medford**. The theme was Crazy Hats. Dorothy was the winner with her exotic lilies!!

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