Catholic Urban Programs Year in Review

2020 by the Numbers

Crisis Intervention

Food Support
1,800 food boxes
Utility Support
336 households
Homeless Prevention
229 adults, 77 children

Housing Security

Holy Angels Shelter
44 adults, 36 children
Emergency Motel Program
77 adults, 81 children

Out of School Time

Last School Year (Pre-Covid)
240 children
This School Year
97 children
Summer Camp
112 children

Continuing the Legacy Celebration

Catholic Urban Programs hosted a retirement dinner for former Executive Director, Gerry Hasenstab in late January. At this event we also celebrated Diane Sonneman who retired from her role as director of the Hubbard House volunteer program. In this photo, current Executive Director, Toni Muhammad presents Gerry and Diane with plaques honoring their dedicated service. We are blessed to have had this opportunity to gather together to thank Gerry and Diane prior to the pandemic.

Helping people.

United Way
Greater St. Louis

Catholic Urban Programs Recognized as United Way Safety Net Organization

The team at Catholic Urban Programs is delighted to have been selected as a 2021-2023 Safety Net partner organization. We are grateful to the team at the United Way for their investment in our work. The United Way of Greater St. Louis invested three years and a team of experts in doing in-depth research to identify the greatest needs in our community on a county-by-county basis. In St. Clair County, CUP's focus areas of crisis intervention, housing security, and out of school time programming were identified among the top priority needs. "This is such an exciting time for Catholic Urban Programs," said Toni Muhammad, Executive Director. "I am so grateful to the United Way for entrusting our organization with this level of support and for recognizing us as a vital safety net organization in the St. Louis region."

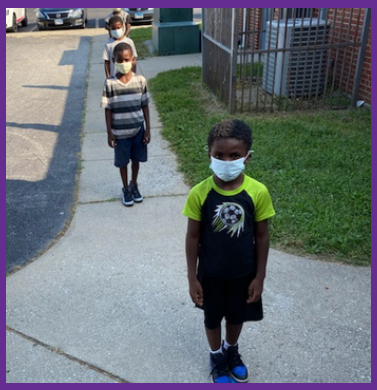
Bishop McGovern Helps CUP Dedicate its Crisis Intervention Facility to Mr. Joe Hubbard

In late May, Toni Muhammad, Executive Director, announced that the facility formerly known as the "Charity Office" would be renamed to honor Joe Hubbard. "The HUB" is short for "Hubbard" and also reflects the critical services offered inside: housing, utilities, and basic needs. Toni presented Joe with a plaque that reads: "Catholic Urban Programs proudly dedicates this facility, "The HUB", to our founder, Mr. Joe Hubbard, for his years of dedication, love, and service to the people of East St. Louis and the Diocese of Belleville. August 3, 2020."

In his remarks, Bishop Michael McGovern said that if we think of Joe's role we can also think of "The HUB" using the words holy, ubiquitous, and blessed. "Jesus in the gospel said, 'blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called the sons of God,'" said Bishop McGovern. "When we think about it, as Pope Paul VI once said, 'if you want peace, work for justice.' Joe, you have led so many people, working with them to foster a just society. We will have a peaceful society because of the works of justice, the Corporal Works of Mercy, that you and so many people have performed." As CUP moves forward in addressing the emerging needs of the people we serve, we will always do so with the tremendous legacy of our founder in our hearts and minds.

Heroes Work Here - Holy Angels Shelter

Ask any mom of small children and she'll tell you that this new normal of social distancing and virtual learning are tough. For moms experiencing homelessness this adds to an already heavy burden. The staff at Holy Angels Shelter has worked incredibly hard at maintaining a safe, socially distant, and nurturing environment for the women and children we serve. From caring for two Covid-positive clients to supporting the virtual learning needs of the children in our care, one thing is for sure: HEROES WORK HERE!



Griffin Center Steps up in Response to the Pandemic

Griffin Center's five locations shuttered in mid-March as the schools in District 189 closed. Our staff remained highly active and engaged in the lives of the children and their families during these most difficult days. Griffin Center staff partnered with District 189 to distribute grab-and-go meals. Staff at each site also made bi-monthly phone calls to check-in on each family and provide assistance as needed. Griffin Center leadership continued their active role in the East Side Aligned organization working directly with the District and other out of school time providers to respond to the emerging needs of the children we serve. The centers operated a safe and socially distant summer experience for 112 children in July with an "I Heart East St. Louis" theme. All five locations resumed after school programming in August with three locations now open during school hours to support the virtual learning needs of children in public housing.

Virtual Learning while Experiencing Homelessness

For children experiencing homelessness, attending school is often an escape that allows them to feel a sense of normalcy in their lives. Our dedicated Holy Angels Shelter staff created the next best thing, a well decorated Holy Angels classroom, complete with school desks, book shelves, and educational posters. The team at the shelter is playing a critical role in supporting the educational and social-emotional needs of our children in this difficult time. We are proud of our caring and compassionate staff for continuing to go above and beyond for the families we serve.

CATHOLIC Urban Programs

2019-2020 Financial Accountability Report

Total Net Assets at June 30, 2020 - $2,499,626

Expense Percentages:

Crisis Intervention - 38.5%
Housing Security - 15.6%
Out of School Time - 27.5%
Management & General - 12.0%
Fundraising - 6.4%

Expense Total: $2,019,535

Income Percentages:

Contributions - 57.0%
Grants & Contracts - 28.4%
In-Kind Contributions - 10.8%
Investment Income - 1.5%
Earned Revenue - 1.0%
Other - 1.3%

Income Total: $2,382,688

Advancing Our Mission with the Help of Our Friends at Allsup Charitable Services

Allsup Charitable Services
Our time. Your mission.

Catholic Urban Programs is blessed beyond measure to receive complimentary business consultative services from Allsup Charitable Services (ACS). CUP is actively engaged in several important projects with the team at ACS including: strategic planning, strategic data analysis, volunteer management, development of a community resource guide, standard operating procedures and more. "It has been one of my greatest joys to work with Allsup Charitable Services," said Toni Muhammad. "We are better for it. Our clients will be served in a better more efficient way."

1,973.5 hours of business consultative services contributed to CUP in fiscal year 2020

Althoff Catholic students Kylie and Emma were among several Crusaders who volunteered in the pantry over the summer.

Belleville East students painted the exterior of "The HUB" building prepare for its dedication to Joe Hubbard.

Catholic Urban Programs Collaborates with Community Partners in Covid-19 Response

Catholic Urban Programs is an active member of several community Covid response initiatives, including the East St. Louis Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), and the Regional Response Team to Covid. We have also joined Housing Action Illinois as a partner organization. CUP is actively partnering with East Side Health District and Southern Illinois Health Care Foundation in providing food and household supply support for their Covid positive clients.
CUP also partnered with: IGD, SIUE, Touchette Hospital, and Urban Strategies in providing food support earlier in the pandemic.

Keeping up with CUP!

Here at Catholic Urban Programs there is always something new going on! Follow our journey on social media and by signing up for our monthly e-mail newsletter. Together, we are rekindling hope in the lives of our neighbors in need. Thank you for partnering with us as we advance the dignity of the human person, remediate the effects of poverty, and empower people to become self-sufficient through crisis intervention, housing security, and out of school time programs.

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