

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA), formerly the Archdiocesan Annual Fund Drive, is an annual effort by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to spread the Gospel through informing and engaging the faithful with important regional ministries that benefit thousands of people throughout nineteen counties in western and southwestern Ohio. We invite you to share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to participate in the life of our local church through these ministries.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Give thanks for God's blessings of home, family, and daily bread by supporting the vital ministries of Catholic Charities/Catholic Social Services in our area. Your gift to the CMA works wonders for more than 72,000 people each year, regardless of religious background.

This is just one of the ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To find out more, visit www.CatholicAppeal.info.

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CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE NETWORK – BRINGING HELP TO THOSE IN NEED.

It all began with a call to the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities SouthWestern Ohio. A grown daughter wanted to bring her mother home from the nursing home, but her apartment was not handicapped equipped. She did not know where to begin.

The Caregiver Assistance Network caller contacted the deacon from the St. Vincent de Paul Society of a local Catholic church. The deacon went to the home of the daughter to discuss the possibility of acquiring a wheelchair ramp to bring her mother home to live with her. The deacon applied for financial assistance through the Gifts of the Magi Program, a collaborative effort between Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Telegraph readers.

The ramp was quite costly, but with the dedicated efforts of the elderly woman, her three children, and the family's church, the family was close to acquiring a ramp. A local vendor who is active within the agency's annual Caring Matters Conference, part of the Caregiver Assistance Network, obtained a used ramp and installed it in the daughter's home. This allowed the family to bring their mother home to live with her loving family.