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*Love, support and the strength of
family — made possible by you*

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Because of you:

A teen dad builds a future for
his growing family

A birth mom finds peace and a
loving home for her son

Our legacy of love through
adoption endures

Serving neighbors in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Sheboygan, Racine,
Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Walworth, Dodge, Washington & Ozaukee Counties

A strong start for a young family

Full of joy, Andrew and Madyline couldn't wait to bring their newborn daughter home. On the hospital's recommendation, they connected with Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Parenting Support program and soon met Carrie, our family case worker.

Carrie began visiting their home every other week, checking on the baby's health, answering questions and offering encouragement and essentials like donated diapers and onesies. As a high school senior, Andrew worried about missing too many classes after the birth. When he shared his concerns, Carrie helped him create a plan for success with his school. He proudly graduated with his class.



With Carrie's ongoing support throughout the baby's first year, Madyline returned to work, and Andrew began full-time work in manufacturing, an important step toward building stability for his family. Determined to care for their daughter themselves, they chose opposite shifts to ensure one parent is always home.

Now thriving as a young family, Andrew and Madyline are grateful for their nearby relatives — and for Carrie. "She offered great tips for first-time parents and helped our whole family," Andrew shared. "We're glad we got to work with Catholic Charities."

The greatest gift: A child's future filled with love

When Catholic Charities was founded in 1920, adoption was our very first service. More than a century later, it remains a meaningful part of how we help children and families thrive.

As society has changed, adoption looks different today than it did even a few decades ago. Expectant mothers and fathers who come to us are more likely to parent their child. For some, adoption remains the most loving path forward. With the child at the heart of these decisions, Catholic Charities is here to support the family.

Our compassionate staff walks with expectant parents providing support for a healthy pregnancy and options for parenting or adoption. If adoption is chosen, we provide guidance in selecting a family, navigating the legal process and creating an adoption plan that reflects the birth parent's wishes for future contact.

"Catholic Charities walked with me hand in hand," shared Jessica, a birth mom. "They helped me give my son the life I couldn't provide, and the peace of knowing he's in a loving, faith-filled home."

Jessica chose an open adoption, which allows her to remain a part of her son JB's life. She regularly sees him thriving — growing up happy, healthy and deeply loved.

"If there's anything I've done right in this world," she says, "it's making that call to Catholic Charities. It changed my son's life and mine."





●●●●● Helping families grow ●●●●●

Couples hoping to adopt begin their journey with a home study and 25 hours of required education.

Our Adoption Social Worker guides them every step of the way, preparing the couple to welcome a child into their hearts and home.

In addition to facilitating infant adoptions, Catholic Charities provides children with permanence and security through relative and stepparent adoptions.

To help families grow stronger together, Catholic Charities hosts an Adoption Support Group six times a year. These gatherings offer a welcoming space to connect, share stories, and gain valuable insights unique to adoptive families.

While parents engage in conversation and learning, children have the chance to play and build friendships — helping everyone feel seen, understood and supported.

“The support group has been a lifeline,” say adoptive parents Rae and Damion. “We’ve learned so much from other families and never feel alone on this journey.”



Walking with others, guided by faith

For John and Celia Kinsella, supporting Catholic Charities is a way of living out their faith and values.

“When I first joined the finance committee in 2019, I had a sense of the agency’s incredible impact,” said John. He was especially moved by a visit to the Adult Day Center, where he witnessed the joy and community created there. “It filled my heart,” he said. “You could feel the love in that place.”

“Every time I visited a site or spoke with staff, it became more and more clear, Catholic Charities brings joy and dignity to people who are struggling. I wanted to do more.”

For Celia, a deeper connection began through events and meeting staff at the Waukesha office. “They’re walking with people in incredibly vulnerable situations,” she said. “That isn’t easy work. But it’s necessary and inspiring.”

As parents to three young children, the Kinsellas are especially drawn to Catholic Charities parenting support services. “We know how hard it can be to raise kids, even with a support system,” Celia shared. “It means a lot to know Catholic Charities is there for families facing tougher circumstances.”

Looking ahead to the October 16 Good Samaritan Society Dinner, the Kinsellas are eager to share their passion for Catholic Charities and inspire others to give. “We’re proud to align ourselves with this mission,” John said. “It’s not about doing everything — it’s about doing what you can. And if more people knew what Catholic Charities does, I truly believe they’d want to be part of it too.”



2025 Good Samaritan Society Chairs



Fr. David Reith retires after nine years of dedicated service as Vicar for Catholic Charities.

Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob honored Fr. David at this year’s Lenten Luncheons for his leadership and commitment to the mission of Catholic Charities.



Paul Eberle named CEO of Catholic Charities.

“I believe deeply in the mission of Catholic Charities,” Paul shared. “It’s about upholding human dignity, responding with care and compassion, and providing real help and hope in times of need.”

