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**FALL 2022** 

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Milwaukee, Waukesha, Sheboygan, Racine, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Walworth, Dodge, Washington, and Ozaukee Counties

#### **Program Spotlight: Annual Adoption Picnic**

This summer, our annual Adoption Picnic brought families together to reconnect and celebrate. Families and staff reunited, sharing stories and creating fun memories. The afternoon was filled with sunshine, laughter, food, and the familiar ease of friendship.

"It's wonderful to see the friendships that have formed between our families," Abby, our adoption social worker continues, "It is great to see how they support each other."



Families enjoyed a sunny afternoon cookout at Froemming Park in Franklin

Catholic Charities' staff provides support and guidance to the family of child, birth mother, and adoptive parents to make the best, loving choices for the child. Since opening our doors in 1920, the foundation of our mission continues to be caring for the needs of children and families.

## **Options in Adoption: Madison's Family**



Madison, Sharon, and DeWayne

Madison and her mom, Tiffany, lived with Madison's aunt Sharon and uncle DeWayne for as long as she could remember. When Madison's mother died of breast cancer, there was no question that her Godparents, Sharon and DeWayne, would raise three-year-old Madison. Madison's aunt became her legal guardian.

Sharon and DeWayne are there for Madison every day, loving and supporting her. They have a special family bond. With the help of Catholic Charities' Options in Adoption program, in May of 2022, Madison was adopted by Sharon and DeWayne.

Looking back, Madison said that she always considered Sharon and DeWayne to be her parents. "I would love to be adopted by my mom and dad," she said.

Through Options in Adoption, we help children like Madison preserve their family, community, and cultural connections and provide the security of a forever family.

### Volunteers "Well done good and faithful servants"

Thank you to the young adults in the Matthew 25 Service Camp and their chaperones from Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Menomonee Falls. On a sunny day in June, you brought cheer to the members of our Adult Day program. Our members enjoyed watching while you worked together to spruce up their backyard garden with landscaping, weeding, planting, and mulching. Even more, the members enjoyed spending time with you to play Yahtzee, card games, and board games. You created wonderful memories and a beautiful view of nature for the members to enjoy throughout the summer.

Since 2018, Catholic Charities has partnered with Good Shepherd Catholic Church to provide a service opportunity every summer for 5th – 12th graders from the parish. Youth

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Volunteers with a member of Catholic Charities' Adult Day Center

come together for a week of friendship, fun, and faith to provide service in the community that makes a difference in the lives of neighbors as well as the youth. Thank you, Deacon Sandy Sites, and everyone who served. We can't wait to see you next year!

**If you are interested in making a meaningful impact through volunteerism**, please contact Marie Honel at 414-769-3402 or mhonel@ccmke.org.

## Ambassadors have fun sharing our mission



Sue Brunette hosts a wine tasting with friends to raise awareness and funds for Catholic Charities

Our supporters take outreach into their own hands.

Whether it's a wine tasting with your favorite ladies or a golf outing with friends, by sharing the mission and good works of Catholic Charities, you become an important ambassador for your neighbors in need.

If you are interested in becoming an ambassador for Catholic

Dan Gremonprez, Gary Howley, Steve Wietor, and Michael Bloedorn represent Catholic Charities at the United Way of Waukesha County Golf Outing

Charities, please consider hosting your own gathering to support our mission. You'll raise awareness, new friends, and funds to support the needs of families living in southeastern Wisconsin.



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