



# Putting Love into Action

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Updates from Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV)

## August is National Make-A-Will Month

Each year, CSSMV hosts an exclusive dinner to showcase the work being done in one of our many areas of service to individuals who have committed to our Good Shepherd Legacy Society. Participants in the Good Shepherd Legacy Society are recognized as individuals who have included a gift to Catholic Social Services in their estate plan. This year, the dinner was hosted at St. Joseph Parish Life Center with special guest Archbishop Casey attending. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a member of the Good Shepherd Legacy Society, contact Marlena Gantz, Director of Marketing & Development at [gantzm@cssmv.org](mailto:gantzm@cssmv.org) or call (937) 223-7217 ext. 1167.



Archbishop Casey with CSSMV CEO Laura Roesch by Saint Joe Media



## Back to School with CSSMV

Staff and students alike at CSSMV take back to school very seriously. With programs such as Next Steps, Next Steps 2Gen, Be Ready by 5, Hispanic Outreach, and ECHO, our staff covers a lot of ground in the education field. Kristina Seger, one of the School-Based Mental Health Counselors with CSSMV's Northern Counties Office expresses, "I am really looking forward to getting back and seeing all the kids, working with them one-on-one in counseling. Seeing their growth (physical, mental, and emotional) over the summer when they return is always cool to see. This year, I am looking forward to adding Russia students to my roster and working with students there."

## A Solidarity Walk for Immigrant Justice

The Bread of Life Family of Parishes hosted a solidarity walk for immigrant justice, inviting CSSMV Refugee Services to share resources during the walk. Thank you for including CSSMV in this showcase of love.



## CSSMV Thanks St. Benedict the Moor Student Council and Students

Students in student council at St. Benedict the Moor School in Dayton hosted an "Out of Uniform" day to raise money and awareness for CSSMV's Refugee Services Program during the 2024/2025 school year. CSSMV staff thanks the kindness shown through the school, students, and their families, raising nearly \$450.00! Keep sharing your Love in Action as you head into the 2025/2026 school year. We look forward to connecting with these students and students in other schools looking for ways to show support to local nonprofits. Please contact Hope Gebhart at [gebharth@cssmv.org](mailto:gebharth@cssmv.org) or call (937) 223-7217 ext. 1168 for more information.

## Volunteers Needed!

CSSMV is in need of Choice Food Pantry Volunteers. Individuals volunteering in the food pantry are needed Monday through Friday from 8:00am -12:00pm and are typically on their feet. Please contact Aliessa Caldwell at [caldwella@cssmv.org](mailto:caldwella@cssmv.org) or call (937) 223-7217 ext. 1130 for more information!

Pictured is Mary, a volunteer with the Choice Food Pantry. Mary helps to stock shelves in the morning and greets clients as they come into the pantry for service.



To learn more about these updates or about Catholic Social Services, visit [cssmv.org](http://cssmv.org) or contact Hope Gebhart, Parish Relations Coordinator, at [gebharth@cssmv.org](mailto:gebharth@cssmv.org) or 937.223.7217 ext.1168