

# FOR MONYANA, WE ARE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

When Monyana found out she was going to be a single mother, she chose to keep her baby and relied on assistance from Catholic Charities and Help Me Grow, a home-based program that provides education on infant growth and parenting skills. "I needed guidance. I got great resources through Catholic Charities," Monyana says.

The resources she received were not only physical — clothing, diapers, and shelter — but also emotional and spiritual. "When I first went to Catholic Charities, we prayed for a while and God brought us some answers," shares a thankful Monyana.

Today, Monyana is the proud mother of a one-year-old girl named Mañana and is positive about their future together as she says, "If I hadn't found Catholic Charities, I might have given up on being a mother."

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*“I am a proud bishop because of the work done through Catholic Charities to turn the Gospel into powerful acts of charity and kindness.”*

– Bishop Nelson J. Perez

## **We serve others, not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic.**

As One Body in Christ, we work together to respond to all of those in need throughout Northeast Ohio. Inspired by the Gospel, the programs and services offered through Catholic Charities focus on building a just and compassionate society – one that embraces sharing the gifts given to us by Christ so that we can better respond to the **Faces of Hope** across our diocese, regardless of their race or creed.

**Together, we can change the faces of despair, loneliness, darkness, and addiction into Faces of Hope.**

### **FOR TOM, WE ARE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.**

Tom Arthur enjoys the connections he makes as a recovery coach with St. John the Baptist Recovery Outreach Center in Akron. He has battled substance abuse, and that makes his job that much more personal. “Recovery is something that I need in order to live and that I need to share. To be able to do that through Catholic Charities has just been overwhelming for me,” he says.

The Recovery Outreach Center opened in April 2019 thanks in large part to the 2018 Annual Catholic Charities Parish Appeal earmarked for expanding substance abuse programs. Because of this, an addiction-free future becomes more attainable for members of the community. “By donating to Catholic Charities, you’ve helped save lives,” Arthur says.

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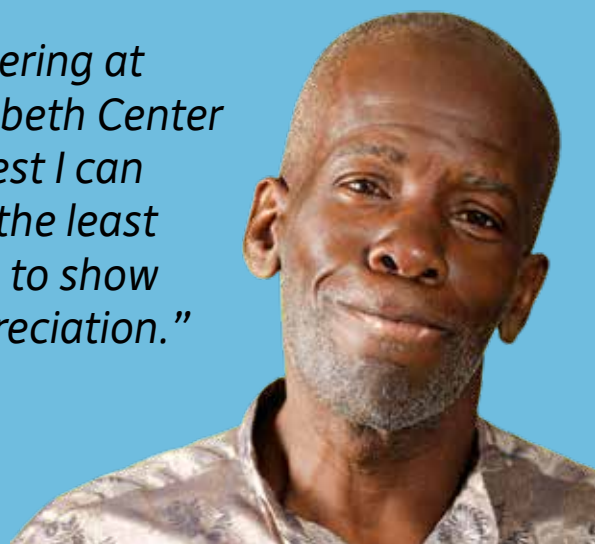


### **FOR RON, WE ARE COMPASSION.**

Ron J’s faith in God saw him through hard times and led him to Catholic Charities in Lorain County. Previously at St. Joseph Overnight Shelter and now at St. Elizabeth Center, Ron found a safe place to stay and people who believed in him. “My caseworker Stephanie helped me so much,” he says. Today, Ron lives in permanent housing, but he hasn’t forgotten what Catholic Charities continues to do for him.

Whenever he can, Ron helps out at St. Elizabeth Center. “It’s the best I can do and the least I can do to show my appreciation,” he says. Ron also appreciates those who support Catholic Charities. “It’s something challenging,” he says of making financial contributions, “but it’s a good thing.”

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### **FOR NETTE, WE ARE JOY IN GIVING BACK.**

Ed Wilde spent just one day at Holy Family Hospice in Parma before he died, but his wife, Nette, took immense comfort in the physical and spiritual care he received. Following his death, Nette received bereavement support from Holy Family. “That was the beginning of my healing process,” she says. Today, Nette serves as a chapel assistant at Holy Family, providing the same compassion that she and her husband received. “To me, Holy Family Hospice is a small but very welcoming community of God’s people,” Nette says. “I was joyfully accepted with open arms, and everyone made me feel that I am no longer alone and that I belong.”

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