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Letter to the Editor  
c/o Rosemary Alfredson  
Lake County News-Sun

Dear Editor,

We write today to extend our deepest gratitude to the Lake County News-Sun for your Help Them To Hope grant. The programs supported by this award are designed to help Lake County residents meet their immediate basic needs. Because of your generous contribution, Lake County communities are able to remain resilient during times of crisis and those who are most vulnerable feel like they are not alone.

Catholic Charities mission is to provide compassionate, competent, and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families, and communities based on the value and dignity of human life. Our services are inclusive, and provided to anyone regardless of religious affiliation or any other discriminatory factor.

The programs that will benefit from Help Them To Hope funding include: our Family Stabilization Services Department, which offers food assistance, housing, and referrals to community resources; our HIV/AIDS program, where clients receive case management, clinical counseling, and specialized nutritional services to help them adhere to individualized medical recommendations and maintain good health; and our Family Self-Sufficiency and Housing Case Management programs, which provide clothing, food, and emergency financial assistance to prevent homelessness. Last year, Catholic Charities provided 59,166 Lake County residents with access to these crucial services.

As our agency's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration comes to a close, we reflect back upon our greatest resource, the spirit and generosity of our friends and donors. It is through your support that our mission is truly able to be realized. On behalf of Catholic Charities, thank you again for standing in solidarity with us, as well as the children, families, and individuals that we are privileged to serve on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

Rev. Monsignor Michael M. Boland  
Administrator, President and CEO