



April 28, 2023

Readers of the Lake County News-Sun
c/o Help Them To Hope
P.O. Box 364
Gurnee, IL 60031

Dear readers of the Lake County News-Sun,

I write today with thanks for Help Them To Hope's recent donation for support of our services in Lake County. Catholic Charities is grateful to be among this year's funding recipients. Your support will help further the work of our Emergency Assistance Program, which provides food, short-term case management, and emergency financial assistance to Lake County residents who are most in need.

With spring in bloom, we are inspired by American poet Mary Oliver: **"If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate. Give in to it."** Though it is a time of deep need in our country, unpredictable moments of grace and compassion offer glimpses of a brighter, more just future. Your gift to Catholic Charities brings joy and, with it, hope that touches thousands of lives daily.

Thank you for embracing hope and promise of this important mission. Thank you for bringing joy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sally Blount", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sally Blount
President and CEO