

Featured Nonprofit

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Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities St. Anthony Family Shelter has provided emergency shelter and support services to homeless families for over 20 years. Last year, St. Anthony Family Shelter provided shelter to 534 people – more than half were children.

Through the years, Catholic Charities has seen it become more and more difficult for families to stabilize and find housing in a 30-day program. To address the need for the longer length of stay, the Shelter has intensified its family strengthening efforts.

On Oct. 1, 2009, Catholic Charities implemented a staggered shelter stay. The goal for the longer stay is for families to achieve long-term stabilization and self-sufficiency. All incoming families have an automatic 2-week emergency shelter stay. If the family shows motivation and willingness during the first 10 days, the family is eligible for the extended 3-month stay. Families graduate when they meet their housing and stabilization goals and exit to housing.

To honor and benefit the good work done at St. Anthony Family Shelter, Catholic Diocese of Wichita proudly presents an evening of celebration to benefit St. Anthony Family Shelter and 18 years of service of Janet Valente Pape, Catholic Charities Executive Director. The event is entitled “Providing Families Hope” and will be held on April 30.

Additional information about Catholic Charities, the services provided and ways you can help, visit the Catholic Charities Web site at: www.catholiccharitieswichita.org