



Dear <Salutation>,

Thanks to you, a cold Christmas for struggling neighbors has been made a little warmer.  
Thanks to you, a season of despair has been lifted with the promise of hope.  
Thanks to you, the spirit of love and compassion burned brightly this Christmas.

From all of us at Catholic Charities, we can't thank you enough. With your support, we've been able to bring help and hope to thousands of Maine's most vulnerable men, women, and children with acts of kindness helping to make the New Year bright.

With every act of kindness – and there are far too many to list in full – our holiday blessings multiplied! I hope you are heartened to hear of how the spirit of the season touched so many in Maine on the back page of this message. I look forward to sharing more good news in the coming year.

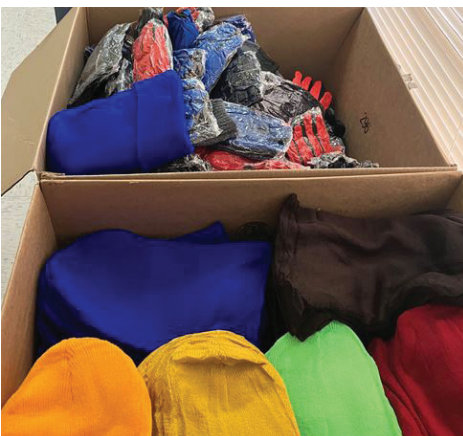
Wishing you and your loved ones all the blessings of a happy New Year!

Stephen P. Letourneau  
CEO

## THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

- Our Portland Behavioral Health Network (BHN) team **delivered turkeys to 53 families** for Thanksgiving.
- Our Parish Social Ministry collected more than **1,000 toys** from generous folks across seven Maine parishes for our Jolly Gifts giving program this holiday season! The gifts were delivered to staff at the Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston, which serves homeless and low-income families.
- Our Teachers of the Visually Impaired supported more than a **dozen students on a holiday scavenger hunt** and shopping excursion at the Maine Mall.
- Our fourth annual *Wall of Warmth* provided **hundreds of warm hats, scarves, and mittens** to Portland neighbors in need on *Giving Tuesday*.
- Our children and adult behavioral health clients received **brand-new winter gear** thanks to generous in-kind donations from the Knights of Columbus in Bangor and the Showtime Hospitality Foundation.
- Our St. Louis Child Development Center in Biddeford and Education Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Children program were the recipients of an abundance of gifts from a **student toy collection** at Holy Cross School.

*From the Catholic Charities family to yours, we wish you many blessings in 2024!*



*(Top Left to Right) Turkey Deliveries • Wall of Warmth • ESBVIC Student Shopping Trip  
(Bottom Left to Right) Winter Gear Donations • Holy Cross Students • Jolly Gifts Donations*

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