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Cedar Rapids Catholic Charities Office Relocates

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa – On Wednesday, February 1, 2012, Catholic Charities' Cedar Rapids office relocated to the Sister Mary Lawrence Community Center, joining other nonprofit and social service agencies. For the past 34 years, Catholic Charities has been located on Second Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids. The Sister Mary Lawrence Community Center is located in the former Penny Saver building at 420 6th Street SE in Cedar Rapids.

The Sister Mary Lawrence Community Center is a nonprofit center owned and renovated by Mercy Medical Center. The purpose of the community center is to co-locate nonprofit agencies, improving access to services, strengthening referral networks and offering affordable rent for non-profit agencies. Catholic Charities will be one of six tenants of the Sister Mary Lawrence Community Center including Boys & Girls Club of Cedar Rapids, Gems of Hope, Kids First Law Center, Metro Catholic Outreach and Young Parents Network.

Catholic Charities' Cedar Rapids office is home to five programs including Counseling Services, Pathway Partners mentoring program, Disaster Services, Immigration Outreach and Refugee Resettlement services.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque was founded in 1931 as a non-profit, social service organization. The organization serves 30 counties in Northeast Iowa and is part of a national social services network through Catholic Charities USA, working to reduce poverty, strengthen families, and empower communities, responding to persons in need of all faiths. For more information or ways to get involved visit www.charitiesdbq.com or call 800.772.2758.

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