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UNITED WAY AWARDS CATHOLIC CHARITIES \$64,776
Supporting Mental Health Counseling and Jail & Prison Ministry

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States has awarded Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque with a grant totaling \$64,776 for the 2016-2017 grant cycle. The funding will benefit two of Catholic Charities programs in the Dubuque area, including Mental Health Counseling and Jail & Prison Ministry.

Inspired by our mission to strengthen families, reduce poverty, and empower communities, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque provides affordable, professional mental health counseling for any individual, couple, or family in need in the tri-state area who cannot afford these services. When individuals and families are healthy, this positively impacts all facets of their lives including marital relationships, parenting responsibilities, employer relationships, and the overall health of the community.

Catholic Charities' Jail & Prison Ministry Program provides mentoring and support to individuals being released from jails and prisons to assist them in positive re-entry into family and community life through achievement of self-sufficiency and reduction of recidivism, therefore promoting safer communities and reducing the drain on local and state resources.

Catholic Charities has been a long-standing partner agency of the United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States. Through that partnership, the agency has assisted thousands of individuals in the tri-state area thanks to this support.

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.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org or call 800.772.2758.

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