Community Services

Emergency Services & Homelessness Prevention
DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Ford, Iroquois & Will Counties
Providing food and travel vouchers; clothing and furniture vouchers; financial assistance for prescriptions; rent/mortgage assistance; and information/referral to other community resources. All available on a limited basis.

Alternative Housing Programs
DuPage, Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kendall & Will Counties
Providing a variety of housing programs for individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk, including transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and more. These programs are designed to maximize a family’s self-sufficiency.

Daybreak Center
Will, Grundy & Kendall Counties
815.774.4663
Shelter: Providing year-round emergency shelter 24 hours a day. The program also provides professional case management and additional services such as employment programs that promote self-sufficiency.

Shepherd’s Table: Feeding members of the community who are hungry and unable to afford food by offering a free mid-day meal. Shepherd’s Table is also used as a warming and cooling center during extreme weather.

Hope House
DuPage County: 800.941.8681
Providing housing and supportive services to individuals and families who are homeless often due to divorce, job loss or depleted savings. During a temporary, short stay, participants work toward securing employment and permanent housing. Hope House also provides the only 24-hour crisis hotline to assist in the single point of entry process for the homeless services continuum in DuPage County.

Supportive Services for Veteran’s Families
DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kendall & Will Counties
Assists veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Available services include case management; employment and education assistance; locating housing and helping with paying rent arrearages or security deposits. Each program participant is linked with the US Department of Veteran Affairs to gauge eligibility for additional VA benefits and services.

Counseling Services
815.730.4891
Providing healing and hope through caring and effective behavioral health services. The diverse and professional therapists provide a wide range of therapeutic services including individual, group, family, and couples therapy, in addition to specialized services such as anger management groups and preventative education programs. Individuals and families who are struggling financially may qualify for services at a reduced fee. Medicare Part B and insurance coverage are accepted.

More information about current groups and classes can be found at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.
Early Childhood Services
Will County
These programs include Head Start, Early Head Start, wrap-around child care, Home-Based, and Expectant Mothers Initiative. Children participate in developmentally appropriate activities; receive medical and dental care; have healthy meals and snacks; and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors in a safe center-based setting. Home-Based provides weekly home visits with an age appropriate educational focus for parent and child. Children with disabilities and differing abilities are encouraged to participate in an inclusion setting. Expectant Mothers receive prenatal and post-partum education and assistance in preparing their home for baby’s arrival. Counseling and other mental health services are provided as needed to children and families. Family engagement is encouraged and supported. Family Advocates work directly with families to provide supportive services like financial planning and goal setting and assist in securing resources such as job search for employment, continued education, and ESL or GED for families to become self-sufficient.

Money Management Program
Kankakee, Grundy, Iroquois & Will Counties
Offers adults the opportunity to serve and advocate for low-income older adults who have difficulty budgeting, paying routine bills and keeping track of financial matters.

Information & Assistance
Kankakee County
Provides information about and linkage to the many services and benefits available to older adults and persons with disabilities.

Care Coordination
Kankakee County
Offers frail older adults and their families assistance as they assess the need for care and coordinate an overall plan of service to maximize the older person’s independence in the home.

Long-term Care Ombudsman Program
Grundy, Kankakee, and Will Counties (local) 815.932.1921; State: 800.252.8966
Provides advocacy and support for residents of long-term care facilities. Provides education about resident rights and related information to residents, community members, long-term care facility staff, and legislative representatives. Acts at the direction of the resident to resolve their concerns or complaints.

Adult Protective Services
Serving Grundy & Kankakee Counties
24 Hour Hotline: 866.800.1409
Provides trained and caring professionals to help determine the services most needed to stop neglect and abuse, protect the person who has suffered abuse and/or neglect and assist the individual in the healing process. Intervention for the abuser is also provided.

Please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org for information on additional Aging and Disability Services, including Options Counseling, Emergency Assistance, home delivered meals, family caregiver services, and more.

Ways to Help…

Volunteers Are Always Needed
In Will County call 815.723.3405
In DuPage County call 630.495.8008
In Grundy & Kendall Counties call 815.941.2560
In Kankakee, Ford & Iroquois Counties call 815.933.7791
Volunteers are always welcome to help with our programs, special projects and special events. Be part of the Catholic Charities family!

To Make a Donation
All donations can be sent to:
Catholic Charities Development Office
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill IL 60403
For more information call 815.723.3405.

Remembering Catholic Charities in Your Estate Plan
For more information on bequests, estate planning or planned giving, or to notify Catholic Charities that you have remembered us in your will, please call the Development Office at 815.723.3405.

Aging and Disability Services

Senior Companion Program
Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee & Will Counties
Offers adults age 55 and older the opportunity to support and interact with their homebound frail peers through regularly scheduled home visits.

Foster Grandparent Program
Will County
Offers adults age 55 and older the opportunity to work with children with special needs at local elementary schools and preschools.

Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.