Daybreak Shelter operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides emergency housing and supportive services to individuals and families who are homeless. Some participants in the program are in need of short-term housing as a result of a situational crisis. Others need support services as they work to re-establish permanent housing.

- Clients from outside Will, Grundy, Kendall, Ford, Iroquois, and Kankakee counties may be admitted for a three night stay.
- Youth under the age of 18 are not admitted except when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or have been legally emancipated by the courts.
- Daybreak Center is also a designated warming and cooling center open to the community during extreme weather conditions.

Permanent Supportive Housing
Catholic Charities operates four Permanent Supportive Housing programs that are headquartered at Daybreak Center. These programs provide stable housing to individuals and families that have been homeless for an extended period of time. Participants receive case management and other services as needed such as counseling, employment and educational guidance in addition to referrals for health care, psychiatric services, addiction treatment, etc. None of these Permanent Supportive Housing programs require participants to have income in order to be eligible for housing.

Eligibility Criteria for Permanent Supportive Housing
- At least 18 years old
- Head of household must have a documented disability
- Must be homeless for at least a year continuously prior to admission or have four documented episodes of homelessness in the past three years totaling a year or more.

New Beginnings
New Beginnings is a permanent supportive housing program that provides a safe living environment to chronically homeless and disabled men. Participants live in an independent setting at Daybreak Center.

Turning Point
Turning Point serves single veterans and families with minor children in scattered site apartments in Joliet. Case management and other supportive services are provided during home visits.

Creative Crossroads
This program provides scattered site independent housing in Joliet to chronically homeless single adults. Case management and other supportive services are provided during home visits.

Kendall Grundy Permanent Supportive Housing Program
This program provides scattered site independent housing in Kendall and Grundy Counties to chronically homeless single adults. Case management and other supportive services are provided during home visits.

To be assessed for Permanent Supportive Housing, call 815-774-4663.

(More programs and information on reverse side)
Shepherd’s Table
Shepherd’s Table (located within Daybreak Center) provides a free midday meal to members of the community who are hungry and unable to afford food. Meals are prepared and served by volunteers each day. Hours of operation are 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM seven days a week, 365 days a year. Shepherd’s Table is also a designated warming and cooling center open to the community during extreme weather conditions.

Emergency Services
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet provides a variety of Emergency Services at Daybreak Center, including food vouchers; clothing and furniture vouchers; employment services; financial assistance for prescription medication; and rent/mortgage/utility assistance (all available on a limited basis, as funds are available). Emergency Services also provides referrals to other community resources including but not limited to:

- addictions referrals
- advocacy
- assessments
- budget counseling
- money management
- family programs
- education programs and services
- financial assistance
- group counseling
- support groups
- housing location and inspection
- mental health referrals
- parenting classes and support groups

Supportive Services for Veteran’s Families
This program 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.

Volunteer Opportunities
Daybreak Center offers many volunteer opportunities for individuals or groups who are willing to dedicate their time and talents to this worthy cause. For volunteer inquiries, please call 815.774.4663.

Donation Information
Monetary donations can be mailed or delivered to:
Catholic Charities
Development Office
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, IL 60403
For additional information, call 815.723.3405.

Food donations can be made at:
Catholic Charities
Daybreak Center
611 E. Cass St.
Joliet, IL 60432
For additional information, call 815.774.4663.

Donations of clothing, household and other items:
Call 815.774.4663.

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.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet helps people of all faiths and beliefs. To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.