



# Mission

We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

#### 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.













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## **Adult Protective Services**

249 S. Schuyler, Suite 300 • Kankakee, IL 60901 • 815-933-7791 • 24 hour hotline: 866-800-1409 *Serving Grundy and Kankakee Counties*.

Catholic Charities' Adult Protective Services 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.

In addition to abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation reports, we also take reports of self-neglect for individuals 60 and older and persons with disabilities (ages 18 – 59). Calls of concern about individuals who are not taking care of themselves or who are living in an unsafe environments can also be made to Catholic Charities by calling 815-933-7791 or to the 24 hour hotline: 866-800-1409.

Abuse isn't always intentional and it can happen in any home.

#### **Forms of Abuse**

- Financial Exploitation: being forced to sign over money or property (Social Security checks, pension checks, savings accounts, real estate, etc.), unauthorized credit card use, or unpaid bills when income is adequate
- Physical Abuse: being handled roughly, slapped or hit
- Emotional Abuse: being insulted, threatened, intimidated, called names, harassed, or threatened with nursing home placement or abandonment
- Neglect/Deprivation: being denied food, medical care, clothing, shelter, social contact or lack of assistance with daily activities
- Sexual Abuse: being touched, fondled or forced to engage in any sexual activity
- Confinement: being forcibly confined or restrained

Abuse can be intentional or unintentional. It can be caused by economic or emotional dependence of either the person being abused or the abuser. It may also be accepted by the family as a way of life.

#### The Abused...

- ...may be physically or mentally impaired and dependent on the abuser for care and assistance
- ...may be reluctant to admit that their loved one is an abuser
- ...may suffer from more than one type of abuse
- ...may be afraid to report the abuse, thinking it could cause them further harm, nursing home placement or total abandonment

#### The Abuser...

- ...may be a family member who is living with the elder
- ...may be a stressed caregiver
- ...may feel isolated or frustrated
- ...may have a substance abuse problem
- ...may be financially dependent on the abused individual

### **Reporting Abuse and Neglect**

Anyone can make a report concerning an older adult or person with a disability.

The Adult Protective Services Act requires certain professionals who provide services to older adults and persons with disabilities, such as health professionals, law enforcement, social workers, and others, to report their suspicions of abuse for those persons who, because of impairment and/ or dysfunction, cannot report for themselves.

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