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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark Gains New Funding

July 16, 2009, Newark, NJ- Dr. Phillip Frese, President and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, today announced the awarding of two grants to Catholic Charities. The agency is the recipient of \$40,000 from the United Way of Hudson County and \$25,000 from M.A.C. AIDS Fund. Dr. Frese said, "Catholic Charities is pleased to receive this funding to help sustain critical services for the homeless and those living with HIV / AIDS."

The United Way of Hudson County awarded Catholic Charities \$40,000 for its 60-bed Hope House Family Shelter in Jersey City that this year has provided temporary housing to 554 single mothers and their children. Because of the slowed economy, this number of homeless individuals sheltered is 50% higher than had been anticipated. At Hope House, families live in a safe environment and program staff works with them to obtain housing and employment. While living at the shelter, which has round-the-clock staffing, children attend the local public school and their mothers receive the support services necessary to move toward self-sufficiency. All residents sleep in family-unit rooms and use the shelter's kitchen, laundry, and bathroom facilities.

The M.A.C. AIDS Fund grant will help Catholic Charities provide improved nutrition and nutrition education for 75 homeless men with HIV/AIDS residing in Catholic Charities' Franciska Residence in Jersey City and St. Bridget's Residence in Newark.

Support from the M.A.C. AIDS Fund will be used to hire a part-time nutritionist to work with the programs' kitchen managers to develop menus, conduct nutritional analyses, and assist with food preparation and recipe modification. This will ensure that food is prepared in the most beneficial way possible for individuals with HIV/AIDS.

While living at Franciska and St. Bridget's Residences for up to 24 months, residents receive food, shelter, and professional casework services designed to enhance health and build self-sufficiency.

For more information about Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and its programs please visit our website at www.ccannj.org or call 973-639-6523.