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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark Continues Its Dedication To Provide Health Services to the Disadvantaged

Newark, NJ –February 3, 2010. In support of its long and successful history of dedication to serve the disadvantaged, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark has successfully secured funding to expand access to health services for those in need under two specific initiatives.

Catholic Charities was selected to join a nationwide coalition to increase the number of children enrolled in healthcare. As part of Catholic Charities' participation in this coalition, the Agency will receive federal funding from the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act to increase enrollment in New Jersey's Family Cares, the State's healthcare insurance program for children. "This funding comes at a significant time, when healthcare is on the forefront of everyone's mind," according to Phillip Frese, PhD, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities.

Our region of New Jersey has the highest percentage of eligible children lacking health insurance coverage. Often children are not enrolled in the State's program due to a misconception of the program's requirements, language barriers, and a general lack of awareness. The funding will enable Catholic Charities to provide outreach to high-risk communities to inform residents of the program and assist families with the enrollment process. Catholic Charities anticipates connecting over 1,900 children to appropriate healthcare services over the next two years.

Catholic Charities has also been awarded a grant from the M.A.C. AIDS Fund to improve nutrition and provide education for the residents of Catholic Charities' Franciska and St. Bridget's Residence. These residences, serving homeless men infected with HIV/AIDS in Jersey City and Newark will now be staffed by a part-time nutritionist. Clients will learn the benefits of healthy eating, how to shop and make better dietary choices, and prepare foods in a healthy manner. The nutritionist will also work with program staff on recipe modifications and preparation techniques to provide meals that are lower in sugar, saturated fats, and sodium. In the spring, the nutritionist will work with staff and clients to plant vegetable gardens. This year's St. Bridget's vegetable garden won second place for the Best Community Garden in the Greater Newark Conservancy's 19th Annual City Garden Contest.

Tracing its roots to 1903, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is the non-sectarian, not-for-profit social service corporation of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of

Newark, New Jersey. Catholic Charities operates 43 programs and served more than 70,000 people last year. Accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Catholic Charities subscribes to the highest standards of competent service, integrity, and accountability. For further information on the newly-funded initiatives, or any of Catholic Charities' programs and services, please visit our website at www.ccannj.com or call (973) 639-6523.



A client having his blood pressure checked by a Catholic Charities employee.