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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
RECEIVES GRANT FROM
THE HORIZON FOUNDATION FOR NEW JERSEY**

Newark, NJ, March 17, 2009 – Phillip Frese, Ph.D., President & Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is pleased to announce that a grant of \$20,000.00 was received from The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. The grant will fund the Medical Case Management Program at St. Bridget's Residence, a Newark-based emergency shelter and transitional housing program for men who are HIV positive.

The funding will enable a part-time nurse to provide medication services to individuals who are lacking fundamental HIV care. The services will focus on ensuring that clients understand and comply with the treatment plan as developed by his medical provider. Treatment adherence services are crucial to supporting individuals in maintaining complicated treatment regimens.

According to Allan Daul, M.S.W., Executive Director of Catholic Charities, "We are most grateful to The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey for this grant. The funds will enable St. Bridget's Residence to continue its important work of serving homeless individuals who are living with HIV and AIDS by providing critical services in the Newark area."

Catholic Charities' St. Bridget's HIV/AIDS Support Network includes St. Bridget's Residence, an emergency and transitional living program for homeless men, and St. Bridget's Drop-In Center, which serves homeless men and women. St. Bridget's provides a broad range of services to clients, thereby promoting their health, independence, and self-sufficiency.

"We are delighted to partner with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark" said Larry Altman, Executive Director of The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. "The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey is dedicated to supporting charitable organizations making an impact in the lives of people across New Jersey."

About The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey

The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey promotes health and an improved quality of life across our State by supporting charitable community organizations. For more information about the Foundation visit www.HorizonBlue.com/foundation.

About Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

Catholic Charities is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit social service corporation of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark. As one of New Jersey's oldest and largest social service agencies, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark serves approximately 69,000 individuals and families each year to acquire assistance and a greater sense of self-worth and dignity. This mission is pursued through a network of caring, effective, and well-managed social service Directors within the four counties served by the Archdiocese – Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union. Catholic Charities focuses on strengthening and preserving family life and restoring the dignity of each individual. The programs provide shelters for the homeless, food and meals to the impoverished; care for the elderly and mentally ill, and education to children with developmental disabilities. Catholic Charities is a ministry of the Church, a tangible expression of the Church's commitment to ease suffering and bring social justice and hope to all, without regard to religion, race, or culture.

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