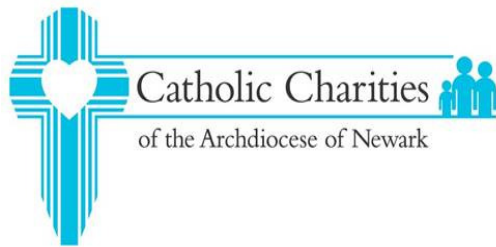


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CITY OF JERSEY CITY HONORS CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK AND HOPE HOUSE

Jersey City, NJ, - On April 16, 2009, Jersey City's Deputy Mayor Kabili Tayari presented Dr. Phillip Frese, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark with a Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor of City of Jersey City honoring Catholic Charities and Hope House for its Spring Dinner attracting attention to the plight of the homeless. Dr. Frese, Reverend James F. Tortora, Chaplin of Catholic Charities and the Executive Staff served the residents dinner. The food was provided by Calabrina Restaurant of Livingston, NJ. There were over twenty mothers and children that attended the dinner. This gave the mothers an opportunity to relax and enjoy a meal while being waited on by the Catholic Charities staff.

Dr. Frese said "It gives me great pleasure to interact with families of Hope House. Watching the children and their mothers enjoying a meal, served by our volunteers, reminds us of the reasons we chose to work for Catholic Charities".

The Hope House provides a safe residence to homeless families. The residence impacts about 511 people yearly. The Spring Dinner acknowledges the needs of the homeless and importance of proving food and shelter. The evening was a great opportunity to share hope, faith and encourage the mothers that find themselves in such a difficult situation.

For further information on all of Catholic Charities services please visit our website at www.ccannj.org. 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.



Left top to right Dr. Phillip Frese, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of Newark, Jersey City Deputy Mayor Kabili Tayari and bottom right Elizabeth McClendon L.C.S.W., Associated Executive Director of Social Services Division of Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of Newark