

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

James 2:5



Good NEWS

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CCI Volunteer to Receive National Honor

Out of a field of 260,000 nominees, Dr. William Rainford, Ph.D., M.S.W., associate professor and chair, Master of Social Work program, Boise State University, was named one of Catholic Charities USA's four volunteers of the year.

"Congratulations and a heartfelt thanks to these four wonderful individuals who provide witness of God's preferential love for the poor and vulnerable in our society," said Rev. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA. "They are truly doing God's work, delivering help and creating hope day-in and day-out, without seeking anything in return."

Dr. Rainford has devoted much of his life and ca-

reer to community organizing and advocacy and serves as the lead legislative advocacy volunteer for Catholic Charities of Idaho and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise. He is being honored for his development of a legislative email alert system, a legislative intern program, and for his work in empowering parish members to act as their own legislative advocates. Over the years, Dr. Rainford has also assisted CCI with the formation of a Social Action Committee and was instrumental in the establishment of an interfaith coalition - Interfaith Sanctuary - that provides emergency shelter and social services to men, women, and children in need.



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Ripping Up Old Roots to Plant New Ones

Spring was approaching, and the grass on the east side of CCI's Boise Family Strengthening Center was beginning to come back to life. Looking out the window one morning, the idea sprouted to turn this small lawn into a productive vegetable garden to help fill the ever growing demand for fresh food amongst the needy in the community. The following week the project started to unfold; volunteers

dug out the grass and tilled the soil. Once the ground work was in place, several local businesses were approached and their aid was secured. With donations received from Edwards Green House, Rite Aid, and a number of generous community members, the garden was full of fledgling plants and on its way.

"It has been a wonderful experience to watch the response of families when they are able to go out to the garden and pick fresh produce," stated Tiffany Nielson, a Vista volunteer at CCI and the project's creator. "Many of these families do not live in a place where they are able to have their own gardens. The children gather to watch dragonflies, butterflies, bees, and the tiny frogs who now reside there." A scattering of bright blue morning glory

and marigolds mingle among the vegetables and bring an aesthetically pleasing touch to the veggie patch. Produce grown in the patch include string beans, cantaloupe, watermelon, tomatoes, lettuce, cabbage, pumpkin, peppers, eggplant, corn, broccoli, cauliflower, onions, basil, dill, parsley, cilantro, and a variety of winter and summer squash. Many of the families the garden serves make use of every possible aspect of the plants, harvesting the leaves of the beans, squash plants, and broccoli, even making green pumpkin soup with fresh herbs. So far this season, 250 pounds of produce have been harvested and the bounty is expected to continue.

With these amazing results and the warm response the garden has received, plans are already well underway for next spring. For more information or to help with this project please contact: Tiffany Nielson at 208-345-6031



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Executive Director's Note:

Dear Friends,

Economic times are hard, this we know. The latest US Census Bureau report indicates that wages are falling for our hard working families. At the same time that wages are falling for families, poverty rates are growing. It comes as no surprise, then, that the Kids Count Report for 2009, which measures how children and their families are doing in Idaho, finds childhood poverty in our state increasing at 16 percent.

While we knew the families Catholic Charities of Idaho (CCI) serves were struggling, we haven't seen the worst of it yet. Even now, our families are making tough choices between paying the rent and feeding their children. Paying the utility bill or obtaining life-sustaining medicine. CCI will be relentless in its efforts to find ways to help families that come through our door. I am proud to note that this past year we served over 13,000 people, more than we have ever served in our history. This year, I am sure, we will see even more families being served by CCI around the state.

This coming month CCI is holding our annual fundraiser event, Loaves and Fishes. This is the chance for CCI to celebrate old friends and make new ones. We invite you to purchase an individual ticket at \$125. Or, if you have family and friends you would like to introduce to us, why not purchase a table for \$1,000? We also invite sponsors to consider donating \$3,000 - \$5,000 and lend us the name of your organization so that we may recognize the donation at the gala.

As always, I covet your prayers of thanksgiving and blessings, that God may shine His light of favor on the mission of Catholic Charities of Idaho, the families we serve, and our staff in the vital work they do.

In the Light and Love of
Jesus,

Rosio Gonzalez,
LMSW
Executive Director



Welcome New Board Members

Kevin Jones (2009-2011)

Kevin Jones and his wife, Colleen, are members of St. John's Parish. They have four children; Analiese, Patrick, Christopher, and Sean. Kevin sits on the Finance Council for St. John's Parish, and also serves on the BSU College of Business & Economics Advisory Council. Kevin has been the Principal at Harmonic Investment Advisors since November 2008. Prior to this, he was C.O.O. and C.F.O at D.B. Fitzpatrick & Company from January 2006 to October 2008; and was Sr. Vice-President and Sr. Portfolio Manager for JCM Asset Management from January 2003 to June 2005. Kevin is a member of the CFA Society of Idaho. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, golf and gardening.

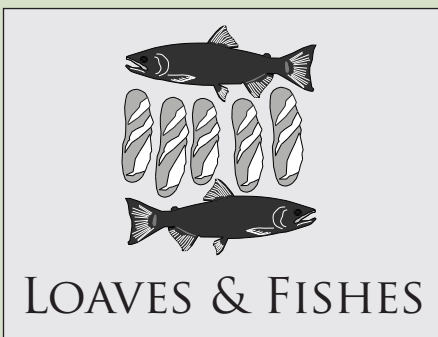
Landis Rossi (2009-2011)

Landis Rossi and husband Allen, along with their two children, live in Meridian and are members of St. Mark's Parish. Landis has a wonderful extended family whose Catholic faith runs deep. She has been employed with Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare for two years as Regional Director and now Program Manager for Service Integration. Prior to her work with Health & Welfare, she worked at Easter Seals Goodwill for six years as an assistant vice-president. Her work focuses on the poor and low income families in Idaho as well as child welfare issues. Landis has a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from BSU. She serves as treasurer on the Board of Home & School at St. Mark's School, as

well as affiliations with United Way and Capstone Missions.

Jim Tomlinson (2009-2011)

Jim Tomlinson and his wife Sheryl live in Boise; they have two children, Richard and Greg. Jim, the CEO and Principal of all affiliates of Tomlinson & Associates, Inc., has been actively involved in the development, acquisition and management of investment real estate since 1969. Since 1982, his firm has successfully developed, or acquired and renovated, many diverse real estate projects, including office, retail and warehouse properties, over 100 multi-family projects totaling over 7,000 units. Jim also serves as the President of Boise Housing Corporation, a non-profit company responsible for the recent development of the Oak Park Village and River Plaza projects in Boise. Because of the success of these mixed-use developments, Jim and Tomlinson & Associates were awarded Boise's first "Good Works" award for small business as well as the U.S. Small Business Administration's Vision 2000 national award for excellence in state and local small business efforts. Tomlinson & Associates was recognized as the State and Regional Corporate Partner of the Year in 2000 and as the National Partner of the Year in 2001 by the National Head Start Association for its involvement in the development of Head Start classrooms in Boise's neighborhoods. In addition, Jim and Tomlinson & Associates in 2001 were picked as the Outstanding Commercial Idaho Real Estate Company, a designation which is awarded every two years.



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They Give Now and They Have a Plan to Give

When Terry went into his favorite breakfast haunt, Bob's Big Boy Restaurant, that Sunday morning in 1976, he never suspected that he would find the woman he would marry and spend the rest of his life with. As he tells it, after he was introduced to Kathi - a concert pianist and fine arts major - they "have been together ever since." They were married June 17, 1978.

Together they have raised two girls and a plethora of cats. After retiring from a career in law enforcement and IRS investigations, Terry was recalled a few years later to work for the Department of Homeland Security following 9-11.

Terry had first purchased land in Idaho back in 1973 after he fell in love with the landscape and the people. But the nature of his career prevented him from settling in the land that had captured his heart. Finally, after once again hanging up his hat and Kathi retiring from a career as

a Senior Administrator, they turned their eyes back to "God's country" and moved to the Treasure Valley in 2007.

Terry and Kathi were first introduced to Catholic Charities when they lived out of state. After moving to Idaho, they looked up the local chapter and found Catholic Charities of Idaho. They like the fact that CCI covers a wide variety of needs in the communities they are in. "They give help wherever help is needed," says Terry. This is how they feel Christ served the people and would want it done.

Terry and Kathi wanted to make a gift in their estate planning to CCI in order to guarantee CCI would continue to provide services after their passing. Kathi's sister (who is differently abled and relies on them for support) lives with them as does their youngest daughter. Wanting to ensure their

loved ones were taken care of was also a concern to them.

That is when they visited their estate planner and set up a charitable remainder trust. This trust can provide for Kathi's sister and their daughter for a stipulated period of time (which can be the rest of their lives), after which the remainder of the trust is then given to CCI and the Humane Society, the two causes that are close to their hearts.

Leave a Legacy Today!



Planned Giving Tools

Tool

- **Bequest in Will or Revocable Living Trust**
A gift you make by naming CCI in your will for a certain dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or the residuary.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity**
A contract in which CCI agrees to pay you back a percentage of your gift annually for your lifetime.
- **Life Insurance**
A gift of an existing or new policy with CCI named as beneficiary after your death.
- **Retirement plan**
A gift made by naming CCI as remainder beneficiary after your death.
- **Retained Life Estate**
A donation of your home or farm but with the right to continue living there.
- **Charitable Remainder Trust**
Trusts that pay or set a variable income to you or those you name before CCI receives the remainder.
- **Charitable Lead Trust**
A trust that pays CCI an income for a period of years before you or your heirs receive the trust remainder.

Benefits

- Reduces size of taxable estate
- Gives you flexibility in providing for family needs first
- Immediate income tax deduction for part of your gift's value, capital gains spread out over life expectancy, a portion of the income is tax-exempt
- Gives you and/or another beneficiary a set income for life
- Immediate income tax deduction for gift's value, plus possible estate tax savings
- Provides a way to make a significant gift with minimal capital outlay
- Heirs avoid income tax and possibly estate tax
- Preserves 100 percent of plan's value and allows you to leave heirs other, less costly bequests
- Immediate income tax deduction for the charitable value of the gift, plus no capital gains tax liability
- Allows you to live in your home or farm and still receive charitable deduction; assures immediate passage of title upon your death
- Income tax savings from deduction, no capital gains tax liability, possible estate tax savings
- Provides guaranteed or annual income that could increase if trust value increases
- Gift or estate tax savings for value of payments made to a charity
- Allows you to pass assets to heirs intact at reduced or even no estate or gift tax

In addition to the customary methods of making a planned estate gift (listed above), you can tailor your gift to fit your particular needs, while simultaneously furthering the work of CCI.

Family Strengthening

Many Catholic Charities throughout the nation have family strengthening programs. At Catholic Charities of Idaho, family strengthening is not a single program, but an overarching philosophy throughout the agency. The family strengthening approach is a framework for serving families in order to create healthy communities. We believe that strong and healthy familial connections lay the foundation for healthy adults, children, and communities. Catholic Charities provides programming that facilitates these foundations in order to create situations where healthy thriving communities are created and maintained by children and parents who feel supported.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation believes that the family strengthening approach is "a deliberate process of giving parents the necessary opportunities, relationships, networks, and supports to raise their children successfully, which includes involving parents as decision-makers in how their communities meet family needs." We embrace this concept wholeheartedly at CCI.

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Regional News & Updates

Northern Region

• CCI Northern Region received a \$5,000 grant for the First Book Program. This project is a 7-year collaborative effort between St. Pius X, Fr. Connolly, and the CDA Tribal School to take Vacation Bible School to the children on the CDA Indian Reservation.

Upcoming

• A new grant cycle has just begun to provide new books to low income children through community programs.
• A new approach is being used in the weekly group parenting sessions. For more information on participating please call 208-676-1974.

Southern Region

• The summer LEAP week at Camp Bradley was a great success with 40 students and several parents attending. It included enrichment and

character building activities such as woodcraft, archery, outdoor survival, and daily routines promoting respect for self and others.

Upcoming

• The 2009-10 LEAP after-school program is kicking off. This program serves students in grades 4-8 and includes lots of family events and services for parents and siblings including adult ELL, early childhood literacy classes, and family nights.

Eastern Region

• CCI Eastern Region has moved!! The main office is now located at 228 1/2 Ninth Street in Idaho Falls with a satellite office at 555 S 1st Street in Pocatello. New phone numbers are 208-680-3570 or 208-559-7199.

Upcoming

• A Love and Logic Parenting

Class will be offered in Spanish in collaboration with the Bingham Crisis Center. Pre-registration is requested for the class which begins on September 23 in Blackfoot.

• Citizenship preparation classes will begin in Idaho Falls the third week in October. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Jake Jones at 208-550-7199 for more information.

Western Region

• The Nampa Family Strengthening Center developed a space partnership with Community Council of Idaho to help defray overhead costs.

Upcoming

• Powerful Families, a Spanish financial literacy and advocacy parenting class that includes children's recreational activities, will be starting October 17th. Call Janie Mendez at

208-466-9926 for more information.

• The Western Region is currently seeking bi-lingual English/Spanish volunteers. Please contact Amy Valdez at the number above if interested.

West Central Region....

• Boise Family Strengthening Center has recently served 39 struggling refugee families in just one week and is still working intensively with them to help them find more affordable housing and sustainable employment.

Upcoming

• Survival Skills for Families classes (a course focused on communication, conflict resolution, and passing your values on to your children) will be starting in October. Call 208-345-6031 for more information.