

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July Events

#### Back to School Drive

July 17—August 16

Drop off new composition notebooks, 2-pocket folders, markers, and pencil pouches at local businesses including Cornell Cooperative Extension, Treu Office Supply, or any branch of the Chemung County Library System.

#### Summer Lunches

July 8 to August 16 (Mon - Friday)

11:45 AM—12:45 PM

Blandford Park, Elmira

Free lunches for kids and teens.

### August Events

#### Back to School Prep

Various volunteer opportunities to pack backpacks for local kids. Learn more and sign up on our website.

#### Strong Kids Safe Kids

August 24 | 11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Chemung County Fairgrounds

Free backpacks and school supplies for all school-age children.

### September Events

#### Wisner Market

September 25 | 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Wisner Park, Elmira

Domestic violence awareness yard signs and information available.

#### Annual Fundraising Gala

September 28 | 6:00 PM—10:00 PM

Elmira Country Club

\$100/person - advance tickets available online now.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Each newsletter will feature highlights from two of our programs that are serving our community and making an impact.

### Care Management Services

Do you know of someone on Medicaid who could use an extra boost of support in obtaining medical services? Our Care Management program may be just what they need!

This program offers support to individuals and families using a person-centered approach to address various needs like physical health, mental health, and substance use. We provide services for youth ages 5-21 and adults with active Medicaid.

Care Managers link and refer qualified individuals to providers in their community, advocating on their behalf so they can receive the care they need. Care Managers assist with navigating the complex healthcare system, and link program participants with affordable housing, food, clothing, childcare, and transportation.

If Care Management sounds like a program that may be a good fit for you or a loved one, please complete the enclosed card and return it to us. Additionally, you may reach out via our website's "Contact Us" form, or you may email the Program Supervisor directly via email at [Bobbi.Jo.Gascon-Wilson@dor.org](mailto:Bobbi.Jo.Gascon-Wilson@dor.org). Bobbi Jo can also be reached during business hours at 607-317-5795.



### New Homeless Shelter

Did you know our new dormitory-style shelter, when at full capacity, saves the County and the State \$4,700 each day?

Since opening the shelter on May 8, 2024, the number of individuals in local motels has decreased. At our highest point, we were utilizing just over 230 motel rooms in Chemung County and surrounding counties. As of the printing of this newsletter, only 70 motel rooms were being used, the majority of those being for families.

City, County, and State support helped set up cubicle-style sleeping areas with onsite showers, laundry, and limited storage at 160 High Street in Elmira. The shelter operates weekdays from 4:00 pm to 8:00 am and weekends from 2:00 pm to 10:00 am, providing breakfast and dinner. The shelter's goal is to address the root causes of homelessness and transition individuals into permanent housing.

Last year, 1,357 people, including 317 under 18, received services in Chemung County. These individuals were housed at various motels across multiple counties.



## Wish Lists

Did you know that an average of 10 families and individuals are moving into their own apartments each month? Many of them come to us with nothing. If you would like to help create **Household Starter Kits**, please visit our website for a complete list of items needed. You might consider hosting a drive with your book club or church group to create a greater impact!

Open your phone's camera and point it at the QR code to be prompted to open our web page in your phone's browser.

From there, you can see the list or request more information. **Thank you!**



## Volunteer Opportunities

Have you heard about the amazing opportunity to make a difference with Catholic Charities? Visit our new volunteer portal to discover various special events and ongoing opportunities! Our volunteers are the true champions, spreading love and hope throughout our community. Interested in joining our team? Simply scan the QR code and complete your volunteer profile today!

You'll be joining our **"Angels & Saints,"** a dedicated group of volunteers making a difference in our community through their time. **Sign up today!**



## Fundraising Event

Our Annual Fundraising Gala is essential to raising needed funds that will continue to provide services for those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Please consider attending or making a donation via our website today. Tickets are on sale now for \$100 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. **Please join us!**

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