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Ribbon cutting & blessing marks completion of St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter expansion

Catholic Charities is celebrating the completion of its seven month expansion effort of St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter, 1535 11th Street in Des Moines on Tues., Nov. 2 from 4-6 p.m. The celebration will include tours of the new shelter, a ribbon cutting and a blessing by Bishop Richard E. Pates, President of Catholic Charities.

St. Joseph is the only emergency family shelter in Polk County that keeps the entire family unit together, including mom, dad and children of all ages.

Funded by an I-JOBS grant, a major gift from the Thomas J. Moreland Charitable Fund, as well as contributions from the community, the new shelter includes additional bedrooms, an upgraded kitchen, expanded dining room, handicap accessibility and a play room.

Who: St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter, Catholic Charities

What: Ribbon cutting & blessing of expanded homeless shelter for families

Why: Completion of the renovation and expansion of St. Joseph Shelter, an emergency homeless shelter for families. The renovation will increase the quality of services to the growing number of homeless families in our community.

When: Tues., Nov. 2, 4-6 p.m. Ribbon cutting and blessing at 5:00 p.m.

Where: St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter, 1535 11th Street, Des Moines

Since 1991, St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter has provided homeless families with a safe, dignified place to stay. Services include emergency housing for a limited stay to homeless families, three meals a day, laundry facilities and case management to assist guests in returning to self-sufficiency.

For more information about the St. Joseph Shelter expansion project go to www.CatholicCharitiesDM.org.

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