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## **Catholic Charities homeless shelter & food pantry receive grant from Nationwide Insurance Foundation**

Catholic Charities received a \$15,000 grant from the Nationwide Insurance Foundation for St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter and St. Mary Family Center in Des Moines. Funds will support the work of both programs which are part of Catholic Charities Poverty Reduction Programs that seek to provide basic needs for individuals and families as well as resources and support to return to self-sufficiency.

St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter is a program of Catholic Charities that provides safe, clean 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. Last year, 69 families stayed at the homeless shelter, 59% were homeless for the first time.

St. Mary Family Center, Catholic Charities food and clothing pantry located at 1815 Hubbell in Des Moines, offers food boxes, diapers and infant items, fresh produce and dairy and a free clothing closet five days a week to families in need. Traffic ranges from 200-300 people each day.

For more information about St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter or St. Mary Family Center contact Trish Radke at 515-237-5078 or go to [www.CatholicCharitiesdm.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesdm.org).

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