
NEWS RELEASE

Third Annual Gala for Catholic Charities Atlanta Planned for April 15, 2010

All Proceeds Support Catholic Charities Programs and Services

ATLANTA, GA (February 26, 2010) – Catholic Charities Atlanta is excited to announce that its third annual Fundraising Gala will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. This year’s venue is the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre. Mary Ellen and Scott Garrett, parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, are leading as Gala Committee Chairs, continuing their tradition of serving as significant sponsors year after year. “We are looking to build on the success of the previous Galas while fostering an evening of Catholic fellowship for those attending,” says Mary Ellen Garrett.

The master of ceremonies is Russ Spencer, FOX5 Atlanta TV News Anchor. Our special hosts for the evening are the Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta and the newly ordained Most Reverend Luis R. Zarama, Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta. The Gala will feature a cocktail reception with auction items, seated dinner, and live musical selections to entertain guests. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta.

In honor of the Year for Priests, Catholic Charities Atlanta’s CEO Joseph Krygiel will present the Archbishop Donoghue Award to three Archdiocesan clergy who have been unwavering in their strong support of Catholic Charities. We are pleased to present this annual award to Monsignor Edward Dillon, Father Jim Kuczynski, and Monsignor David Talley.

Catholic Charities aids people of all religions and backgrounds who are struggling with poverty and other obstacles. “The declining state of the economy over the past year has presented challenges for almost everyone. We’ve seen an increase in the number of clients requesting assistance - even from those who never thought they’d have to seek help,” says Catholic Charities Atlanta CEO Joseph Krygiel.

Ticket information and sponsorship details can be found online at catholiccharitiesatlanta.org or by calling 404.885.7474 to speak to the Catholic Charities Atlanta Development Director, Kelly Kener.

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About Catholic Charities Atlanta

As a provider of social services for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Catholic Charities Atlanta provides professional support for families in crisis, pregnant women, and immigrants and refugees. Since 1953, we have helped over one million people reach wholeness and self-sufficiency from adversity.

Catholic Charities Atlanta is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, a designation that requires a detailed review and analysis of an organization's administrative operations and service delivery practices — all measured against national standards.

For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org or call 404.881.6571.



The Catholic Charities Gala Committee recently met at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre to visit the venue for the 3rd annual fundraising event which will be held on April 15th. All funds raised at the Gala benefit Catholic Charities' continued work on behalf of the poor and most vulnerable within our society.

Some of the Gala Committee members shown here:

Top row L to R: Mike Flanagan (Board member), Joe Krygiel (CEO), Scott Garrett (Gala Chair), Art Eyzaguirre (Board member), and Will Dempsey (Auction committee member). (more)

Second row L to R: Cindy Nofi (Gala committee member), Mary Ellen Garrett (Gala Chair) and Nima Ferguson (Gala committee member).

Third row L to R: Catherine Fuss (Marketing Director), Marcia Palcher (Gala Decorations committee member), Sara Jean Burke (Gala Auction committee member) and Kim Schulman (Gala PR committee member).

Fourth row L to R: Susan Selman (Gala committee member), Kelly Kener (Development Director), Anita Rodosta (Gala committee member), and Jutta Hansen (Community Relations Manager)



L to R: Joe Krygiel, CEO Catholic Charities Atlanta, with Gala Chairs Mary Ellen and Scott Garrett

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